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CHAPTER IX.

Kroutikov's marriage was to take place at Christmas. It had been arranged that his relatives should assemble in the town for the occasion. The governor had promised to give away the bride. It was to be a very gorgeous wedding, of which all the province would talk.

But after the passing misunderstanding caused by Vladimir's appearance in the house Katia suddenly began to hurry on the wedding. Kroutikov was highly flattered at her haste.

"Well, then, we'll be married in October," he said. "I'll ask my people to come earlier."

"No; that's too long to wait," said Katia.

"Then when would you like it to be?" he asked, smiling. "It is only two months till October."

"Let us have it in a fortnight from now," said Katia.

Kroutikov protested against this. At such short notice he would have no time to send out the invitations properly, not to speak of sending for his relatives.

"I don't want anybody invited," said Katia. "What's the use of it?"

She objected even to being married in the town and insisted on having the ceremony quite simply in the nearest village church, with no one present but the members of the household.

"But it will seem like a runaway marriage."

"It's no one's business."

Kroutikov did not like this arrangement, but Katia stuck to her point, and he was obliged to give in. She herself could not have explained why she so earnestly wished to hurry on the marriage. It was no sudden passion for Kroutikov. Indeed she felt somehow bored in his company now. But this waiting and dragging on had suddenly become intolerable to her, and she longed to have the thing done and over. All sorts of questions and doubts began to disturb her, and she had some feeling that they would leave her in peace as soon as she was actually married. She hurried on the preparations for the wedding and became irritated, even seriously angry, at every little hindrance.

"What's come to you, Katia? Anybody would think you must get married or die," said her mother. "We've known Pavel Alexandrovich all this time, and now suddenly"—

"Oh, mamma, I am just the same as I always was!" answered the girl irritably. "What has put things into your head?"

"What has put— Why, can't I see?"

"That's not it, mamma; that's not it," said Katia, and she sighed.

She felt, as she had never felt in her life before, how absolutely she could give herself up to a feeling which should be "it."

In consideration of his approaching marriage Kroutikov asked and obtained a holiday and spent almost all his time in the Prozorovs' house, only riding in to town now and then to keep business appointments or to see his new house, which the workmen were hastily getting ready for the bride.

He took up his abode in the same pavilion in which Vladimir had been lodged. Katia came to him in the evenings, but almost always brought her mother with her. When alone together, they somehow could not find anything to talk about, but in the mother's presence the conversation never flagged and usually turned on the new household arrangements, furniture, wall papers, etc. Kroutikov would ask the opinion of the two ladies on these points and would often disagree with the mother, in which case the disputants would refer the matter to Katia for decision. She always agreed with the opinion of her betrothed, though in fact the matter was indifferent to her. Sometimes Kroutikov would introduce exalted themes of conversation and would expound his views upon the people and their need of a firm hand to guide them to their own good, but these speeches were repugnant to Katia. They reminded her of other words, full of love and devotion, "To forget yourself, to have no other thought but how to help the people, to give up your soul to them," and Kroutikov's speeches made her shiver with inward cold. Such speeches usually ended in an uncomfortable silence, which both Kroutikov and Katia feared to break. It was as though they were in an unknown forest where they dared not move for fear of meeting with some wild beast.

She was surprised at this lack of inner harmony between herself and her betrothed. She had never felt it before. It made her think of Vladimir, with whom she had been able to talk endlessly, with whom even silence had been easy.

"Surely it won't always be like this?" she would ask herself with horror whenever she was alone. Then she would instantly assure herself that this could not be; that she only felt so now. Once married, they would have everything in common. So she hurried on the preparations and would grow irritated, even angry, with her mother, with her nurse, with every one, if things were not done as quickly as she wished.

The old nurse made no reproaches. She was more intelligent than her mistress and understood her young lady better. She would only look at the girl with her wise old eyes, and then, when left alone, would sigh and shake her gray head.

One evening (it was Wednesday, ten days after Vladimir's departure) she was in Katia's bedroom, arranging the girl's fair plaits for the night. Katia was thoughtful and melancholy. She expected to receive next day the newspaper of the 22d, the date on which Vladimir, if he reached St. Petersburg safely, was to insert his advertisement. Was he alive? Would she see that advertisement tomorrow? It would be so great a joy to her that she could hardly believe in its possibility.

"What is my ladybird so sad about?" said the nurse. "Were you thinking of him?"

"Yes," said Katia, laughing. "How did you find that out?"

They understood one another and had no need to name "him."

"How could I help knowing? I'm not getting on for 70 not to know," answered the nurse. She began to comb out the girl's thick hair with a large comb. [illegible]

[illegible] get to care for him in time. He's a good man, and he loves you dearly. That's no wonder, though. How could he help loving such a beauty as my darling?"

"He" now referred to quite another person, and Katia protested.

"What have you got in your head, nurse? I don't want anybody else but Pavel Alexandrovich."

"Thanks be to God for that, my child," said the nurse. She made the sign of the cross over the girl and went away to her own room.

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The post did not come to the Prozorovs' house. What little correspondence there was for the family was always left at the nearest railway station, to which a messenger on horseback used to be sent, as a general rule, twice a week. Thursday was post day in the house, but the messenger always started for the railway station after dinner, so Katia decided to go herself, directly after breakfast and asked to have the trap brought out for her. But while dressing she saw from the window Kroutikov riding up to the house. He had passed the night in town and ridden back in the early morning.

"Why on earth couldn't he come after dinner?" thought Katia in annoyance. "Now I can't go."

She went down stairs and greeted her betrothed somewhat dryly.

"I looked in at the station for your letters," said Kroutikov, "but there weren't any; there were only these newspapers."

He handed her a packet, which she snatched eagerly out of his hands. Tearing off the wrappers, she found the issue dated the 22d and opened it in the wildest excitement. In a conspicuous place on the front page stood the advertisement. She gave a little scream of delight, burst out laughing and clapped her hands.

"What is it? Have you come into a fortune, or are you appointed maid of honor at court?" asked Kroutikov, looking at her with a smile.

"No, no; it's nothing. I—I guessed my fortune," stammered Katia, hardly knowing what she was saying for joy. "I guessed that if I found an advertisement in today's paper with my age in it—22—I should be happy in my new life, and if not I shouldn't, and, just look, there's my age three times over."

In the advertisement for lessons in Spanish was given the address, "App XXII, No. 22, twenty-second line, Vasili island."

Katia, going off into peal after peal of laughter, ran about showing the advertisement to her betrothed, her mother and her nurse. She felt that she must have some one to share her joy with somehow.

Suddenly she turned quite white, and, putting both hands to her bosom, fell back into a chair. Her heart had begun to flutter; then it seemed to stop beating. Her father had died of rupture of the heart, and she had a slight hereditary trace of heart disease. She had been warned by a doctor to be careful, but during the last fortnight had not had a chance to be careful. They laid her on the sofa and gave her water. Both Kroutikov and the mother were greatly frightened, but the attack soon passed over. She got up as though nothing had happened, and the whole day long was as merry as a lark and peculiarly affectionate with her betrothed. Kroutikov went to his room enraptured.

There were only four days now to the wedding. Katia passed the time as if in a fever. Notwithstanding her wish to be married quietly and without pomp, the neighborhood had somehow heard of the proximity of the wedding. Letters and visitors came pouring in. The former had to be answered, and the latter entertained, and the trousseau had to be got ready.

Mrs. Prozorov would have been utterly miserable if her daughter had married without getting her linen marked first. Katia had not one free moment in which to collect her thoughts, nor, indeed, did she wish for it.

CHAPTER X.

On the momentous day Katia woke with a headache, and her first thought was, "Today it will all end." She was not only sad, but oppressed with a sense of dread and a feeling that she wanted to cry about something she did not know what. But she reflected that this is always the case with brides, and the thought consoled her. The only thing was that her heart would now beat like a hammer, and then seem to die away altogether, and kept up a constant aching, as with a presentiment of something wrong.

The weather was gloomy. From early morning it had been steadily drizzling, and the rain made both the mother and the nurse exceedingly doleful. It was a bad omen. "Who is married in the rain shall have tears through life." Mrs. Prozorov even wept a little.

At 6 o'clock the carriage arrived, and they drove to church, accompanied by the incessant sound of the rain beating on the windows. In the porch stood several beggars. Katia gave money to them all. "Pray for my soul," she whispered to them, as though she were preparing for her grave.

The bridal party entered the building. The humble village church was dimly lighted with four great candles and two small chandeliers. A damp, cold draft seemed to come from the black vault of the dome, and the church was empty and silent.

"It's like a grave," passed through Katia's mind.

The bridegroom was already there, with the two groomsmen. The deacon brought out the lectern before the central door of the altar and placed on it the book of the ritual, beside which he put a wax candle in a tall candlestick. Before the lectern was laid the silken mat. Then the priest came out. Bride and bridegroom joined hands and took their places on the mat. The nurse, standing just behind in the little group of friends, whispered in her mistress' ear with delight:

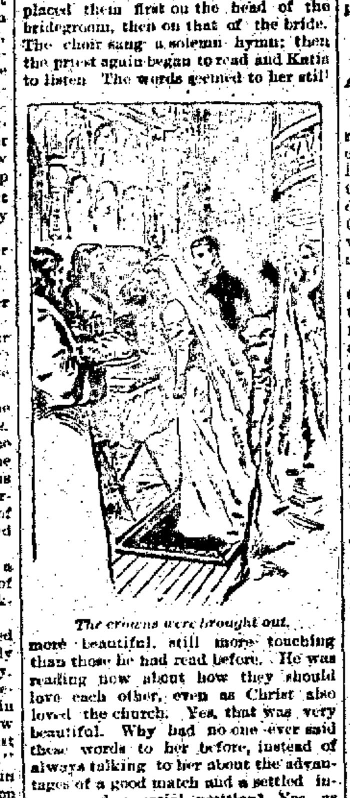
"My own darling! She's got on it first. See there, she's first."

This also was an omen. Whoever stepped first on to the silken mat would be the ruler of the future household. Katia and the bridegroom stood holding each other by the hand. She did not look at him. She was listening to the words that were being read aloud. It happened that the priest was a young [illegible] of the meaning and purpose of the sacrament of marriage that he was reading, the sacrament by which one human being shall leave father and mother and kindred for one other human being that they may become one in body and soul. "This is a great mystery."

Yes, yes, this was it. This was the "it" that she had dreamed of. This was a thing that she could understand and fulfill—to have nothing of one's own, to share everything, to become as one soul and to join together in serving others, to renounce your own self, to have no other care, to give up your soul to—

"Why, where did these words come from?" she asked herself suddenly. Surely the priest was not reading them? Ah, no, it was Vladimir who had said that. His image suddenly rose up before her, as vivid as reality, looking at her with reproachful eyes. Her heart began to flutter like a trapped bird, then suddenly stopped, and she grew cold all over, with a sharp pain in the chest and a feeling that she must fall. Every one observed her sudden paleness, and there was a slight rustle in the church. One of the groomsmen put his hand to her shoulder to support her, but she recovered herself for the moment.

The crowns were brought out on a salver from the sacristy. The priest took them, made the sign of the cross and placed them first on the head of the bridegroom, then on that of the bride. The choir sang a solemn hymn; then the priest again began to read and Katia to listen. The words seemed to her still more beautiful, still more touching than those he had read before. He was reading now about how they should love each other, even as Christ also loved the church. Yes, that was very beautiful. Why had no one ever said these words to her before, instead of always talking to her about the advantages of a good match and a settled income and a social position? Yes, as Christ loved the church! That means to love with all one's soul, to cherish another, to die for another. That she could do; that she could understand.


The crowns were brought out.

Heavens! It was Vladimir she was thinking of. It was Vladimir she loved in this way and not this strange man, this outsider who was standing by her. She was deceiving both God and man. Oh, what was she doing? What was she doing?

The choir sang again, and then once more the priest began to read aloud, but Katia no longer listened. A horrible discovery had lighted up the places in her own soul that had been dark to her, as the glare of a house on fire lights up all around it. Her thoughts rushed on and on, like wild creatures broken loose, struggling and fighting and outstripping one another in her horror stricken mind. Why, she had loved Vladimir all this time! She had been hurrying on her marriage simply in order to escape from her own feeling, to kill it at one blow, but it had pursued her and pursued her, and now it had caught her up here, in the very church. O God! What was she to do? She was in love with Vladimir. She could not get away from that any more than she could get away from herself. She had deceived herself and every one round her, and now all her life she would have to go on deceiving.

And why had it all happened? Why had she ever met him? She had been so quiet and happy before.

Her heart began to beat intolerably. Oh, how glad she would be if it would only burst and save her from this! But unhappily her nerves were too strong.

It seemed to her that she had been tried and found guilty of a great sin and now was brought to execution. And, as a condemned man watches the ax that is to behead him, she watched with a kind of frozen curiosity the priest who, with every movement, was fastening an eternal chain tighter and tighter about her.

They had now come to the decisive moment after which, by canonical law, the marriage would be indissoluble.

Katia, in half stupefied despair, began to listen once more. What was that? A question! Ah, then perhaps there was still hope for her. She would whisper to the bridegroom and beg him to refuse her. She turned to him for the first time during the whole ceremony, but her lips moved without uttering any sound.

"Pavel," said the priest's voice in distinct tones, "wilt thou take to thy wedded wife this servant of God, Katerina?"

"I will," came the bridegroom's answer. The sound fell on Katia's ear like a hammer stroke.

"Katerina," the priest went on, turning his eyes to her, "wilt thou take to thy wedded husband this servant of God, Pavel?"

Katia whispered some long sentence which no one could understand. The priest, ascribing her inarticulate reply to the ordinary timidity of a bride, waited for a moment, and then, wishing not to confuse her still further by repeating a question which is usually a mere formality, took the wedding ring and attempted to place it on her finger. The shock of terror brought back her senses.

"No!"

It was a hoarse whisper, and yet all the church rang with the sound. There was such anguish in the tone that it might have been the last cry of a departing soul. Her white lips could form no further sound. She fell back insensible.

There was a scene of indescribable confusion in the church. The mother went into a hysterical fit. The priest stared in bewilderment, now at the bride lying senseless in the arms of her nurse and the groomsman, now at the bridegroom, standing, white and petrified, still unable to understand how it had all happened.

Katia was carried out and, taken home, and the marriage was not solemnized. [illegible] she left [illegible] St. [illegible] Kroutikov [illegible] Katia for a whole year, has gradually recovered from his sorrow and has finally married the governor's niece—an action which has still further elevated him in that dignitary's esteem. He has rapidly risen in the service and already hopes for the appointment of vice governor. Looking back from the height of his official position on the follies of his youth, he congratulates himself on his escape from being bound for life to a turbulent girl who maybe would have dragged even him into trouble.

The cottage by the Volga stands in its old place, but there is no one living in it now. The windows are boarded up, for the new owner, a market gardener, does not think such a crazy old building worth wasting firewood on and lives, with his wife and child, in the pavilion. The old nurse is dead, and Mrs. Prozorov, unable to endure the utter loneliness of the place, has gone to live with an unmarried sister in a province near Moscow.

The peaceful little nest is deserted. But one more member has joined the ranks of those who are fighting for the peace and happiness of millions of home nests—first one more and then another. A notice, printed in tiny letters in a clandestine paper, states that a penal servitude prisoner, Ivan Prozorov, has successfully escaped from Siberia.

Vladimir has fulfilled to his wife the promise made to the girl he loved.

THE END.

BETRAYED BY FLAPJACKS.

A Waiter Who Can Tell a Man's Occupation by the Way He Eats.

There is a waiter in a Dearborn street restaurant who has discovered the science of reading a man's occupation by his manner of eating. He can look into the calm eye of a customer engaged in disarticulating a "ham and" and determine with wonderful accuracy whether the man is a scissors grinder or a State street merchant.

Of course one must be a close observer to do all this, and it isn't everybody that is afforded a lunch counter for a field of study. Yet if the student will avail himself of opportunities while seated at the mahogany board he will find that when the business man is at the table some habit acquired in the daily pursuance of his profession will be sure to show itself.

For an instance, the banker may come in and order wheat cakes. If he does, the waiter declares he will invariably dip his fingers in the water and run over the cakes to see if there is a miscount.

The gambler will look around to see if any one is watching and then palm a slice of bread. If he orders flapjacks, he is sure to slip them one by one from the bottom as he eats them. The clothing salesman will hold his flapjacks up to the light and feel the texture, while the keen observer will notice that the jeweler, upon ordering pie, will hold it to his ear, shake it and then listen, after which he will lift off the top crust with the point of his knife and examine the insides.

During an interview the other day the waiter stated that he called his new science "eatistry."

"I have not mastered my science yet," said he, "and seldom a day passes but that I learn some new point. Oh, it's a great study, and I think in time it will take its place along with palmistry and phrenology and other kindred sciences."

"Have you ever made a mistake in judging a man's occupation?"

"Only once, and that could hardly be called a mistake, for I made no decision as to the man's business. I confess I was stumped. The fellow came in and ordered his dinner. Of course I gave him a glass of water. He looked at it with some surprise and said, 'I didn't order that.'

"'It costs you nothing,' says I, 'and you don't need to drink it unless you want to.'

"He thanked me, and what do you think—he broke his bread into it and then ate it with a spoon. I didn't know what to make of it, and for the life of me I couldn't determine what his business was. When he was leaving, I tapped him on the shoulder and asked him outright what he did for a living.

"'Why,' says he, 'I'm a milkman.'"—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

AN OLD GOVERNMENT DIE.

Used by a Lawyer as a Paperweight For Years.

In the course of a lecture at the Apprentices' library A. E. Outerbridge, Jr., related an interesting incident that serves to show how much more careful Uncle Sam is in the destruction of old dies for coins than he used to be. "Some time ago," said Mr. Outerbridge, "I was visiting the office of a friend who is a lawyer, when I noticed upon his desk a little metal object, covered with three or four coats of red paint, which was apparently in use as a paperweight. It was a government die for a silver dollar of 1809, and for my friend to have it in his possession was a penal offense. He did not know what it was until I told him, and he informed me that it had been around the office as a paperweight as long as he could remember—40 years at least. I gave him a silver weight in its place and informed the authorities at Washington of the circumstance, also forwarding my friend's affidavit as to what he knew about it.

"At that time, though all dies were supposed to be destroyed when discarded, the system was rather lax, and they sometimes found their way into the possession of junk dealers. I agreed to turn over the die upon condition that it should not be destroyed, but kept in the numismatic collection at the Philadelphia mint, and that I might borrow it at a future time to illustrate a lecture. The conditions were agreed to, and I have brought the die with me tonight to show to you. I had to write a very formal letter to get it, stating the purpose for which it was to be used, and it must be returned tomorrow morning."—Philadelphia Record.

Washington's Marriage.

George Washington was married to Martha Custis Jan. 6, 1759. There was a brave show of resplendent uniforms in the little church where the marriage was solemnized. Officers of his majesty's service crowded there to see their comrade wedded. The new governor, Francis Fauquier, himself came, clad as befitted his rank, and the bridegroom, in blue and silver and scarlet, rode gallantly beside the coach and six that bore his bride homeward amid the thronging friends of the countryside. The young soldier's love of a gallant array and becoming ceremony was satisfied to the full, and he must have rejoiced to be so brave a horseman on such a day.—Woodrow Wilson's "Life of Washington."

Too Much Like a Fun.

"No, sir," said the Kansas editor, "your services are no longer required."

"May I venture to ask why I'm discharged?"

"You're too blamed funny. That style may do in the East and heartless east, but when you refer to a death in a cyclone as 'a terrible blow' to the family you overdo it out here."—Detroit News.

SHIPWRECKED.

Captain Hart of the steamship Mariposa, sailing between San Francisco and Australia, was formerly a wealthy young man, who went to sea because he loved life on the water. He was asked by a passenger on one of the Mariposa's trips to tell how he came to adopt a seafaring life and to relate his most thrilling adventure. Here is his story:

"I was 24 years old when I left college, having graduated well up in my class. I had come into possession of the property left to me by my father in that year, and as my brother had also died and my sisters had married I determined to spend a few years in travel. I went to Europe and South Africa, returning to London the same year. Clark Russell's sea stories had always interested me greatly, and I made up my mind to rough it on a trip to Australia in a clipper ship.

"I tried to engage a cabin passage in the Josephine, then one of the largest sailing ships afloat, but old Captain Hardy, whom everybody called 'the bear,' because he was so rough and brusque, refused with many an oath, saying he didn't keep a hotel and no man could sail on his ship without signing articles and doing his proper amount of work. Of course I knew a ship as well as I knew a house, and I decided to go on the Josephine before the mast, just for the fun of it. I saw a twinkle in the old captain's eye as I signed the usual articles for the voyage to Sydney. He simply remarked, however, 'You're big enough, at any rate, to do your share of the work.'

"I procured a regular outfit, sent my kit on board and took my place among the crew. I found friends in the forecastle, for I assumed no airs, acted just as everybody else did, and studiously minded my own business.

"In spite of my discretion, though, I made some enemies. One of them was in the same watch with me. His name was Norris, and he claimed to be an Englishman, but he spoke with a slightly foreign accent and was dark enough to be taken for a Portuguese or a Spaniard. I disliked him from the first, and he evidently had as little regard for me as I had for him.

"He insulted me one day in the forecastle during our watch below, and I struck him a blow under the ear that put him to sleep very effectually. He was unconscious for two hours, and I was really afraid that he was done for. He regained consciousness finally, and after that time did not in any way interfere with me. When we were aloft sometimes, however, I could see him eying me sharply and was satisfied that he was contemplating some sort of treachery. I said nothing, but tried always to keep my eyes in his direction.

"We had a fairly good voyage until we struck some extremely rough weather off Cape Horn. For two days we ran under close-reefs with the wind abeam, and then the gale became so violent that we had to heave to to weather it. On the fourth day of the storm the wind moderated, and Captain Hardy ordered us aloft to shake out the lower reefs. We had resumed our course and were booming along at about ten knots.

"Although the wind had moderated considerably, the sky was a dark gray all around, with clouds of a deeper hue, almost bluish, in the southeast. It looked to me like more heavy weather, and I doubted the wisdom of shaking out any of the reefs.

"Norris and I were on the main royal yard when a heavy puff of wind struck the ship and threw her almost upon her beam ends. As I stood on the footrope with my arms over the yard the heavy piece of timber was almost perpendicular and I had to cling hard with hands and feet to keep from going over.

"Another lurch came when I was resting my whole weight on the footrope. The rope suddenly parted and I felt myself falling.

"Instinctively I flung out my arms to grasp something, but my hand struck the to'gallant yard and over I went into the sea. I remember hearing a cry of 'Man overboard!' from the deck and must then have become unconscious for a time.

"I next found myself struggling among the tremendous waves. As I rose upon the crest of each big sea I caught a glimpse of the ship, and as she was still standing on her course I knew that I was left to my fate. I was not excited in the least by my position. I fully expected to drown, but I made up my mind to fight as long as I could. I was and am a strong swimmer, and I hoped to be able to keep afloat until I could find some spar or bits of wreckage to sustain me.

"Meanwhile I made as little exertion as was necessary, so as to preserve my strength. The water was very cold, and I knew that no man's powers of endurance, however great they might be, could be equal to any prolonged struggle with such elements.

"I expected no relief from the Josephine. A small boat could not have been launched in such a sea, and I calculated correctly that Captain Hardy did not put the ship about because he did not believe that any man could live for five minutes among such waves as had been breaking over the ship.

"I must have been in the water an hour, and it was then about noon, when I espied a piece of a vessel's hatch about 20 yards away in the same trough of the waves in which I was then swimming. I was quickly becoming exhausted, but I made for that little raft with all my remaining strength. I was engulfed by the waves a hundred times. Scores of times great seas broke over me and sent me down far below the surface. I managed to struggle to the surface many times just soon enough to keep from drowning.

"At last I reached the hatch, grasped a protruding spike, and rested awhile before I had strength enough to raise myself upon the half submerged raft. There was a bit of rope trailing in the water, with which I lashed myself fast to the hatch to keep from being washed off into the sea.

"I think I must have slept for a time in spite of the cold. At any rate, I remember that the sea became suddenly much calmer, the wind having died away to a simple breeze. As night came on a feeling of indescribable loneliness took possession of me, which was intensified when I saw that the albatrosses had sighted me.

"A man who clings to a spar in the waters about Cape Horn has more to fear from the giant birds of the air than from the monsters of the deep.

"The night was a very long one. When I was not dozing, I was looking out over the waves in search of a vessel's lights. None came into view and the day broke cold and cheerless. When the sun came up I thought I descried land off to the northwest. It was only a faint line, and I was not sure whether it was land or a bank of clouds. I prayed that it might be land, and I felt more cheerful when I saw that a current was carrying me to the northward. I was very hungry and I knew that if I did not reach land or was not picked up I would be at liberty to choose death from either starvation or drowning. I didn't count on another danger, which turned out to be greater even than the others—the birds.

"Soon after sunrise I saw a number of great albatrosses sailing through the air far overhead. One by one they came lower, and I watched them with intense admiration. Not once did I see an albatross flap a wing. They rose high in to the air and swooped down low, turning their immense wings from side to side to direct their course, but never appearing to use the slightest exertion. They were like ships of the air, using their wings as sails, and with a perfect knowledge of tacking, jibing and the like. They went to windward and before the wind with equal facility.

"In my admiration for the great creatures I lost sight of the fact, even if I had realized it, that they were a more serious source of danger than the waves.

"Nearer and nearer they came, and I could see their cold, staring eyes regarding me with something in their expression that made me shiver. Even then I did not appreciate my danger. One of them swirled past me so close that I was fanned by the air he had disturbed. It was not until another had made a vicious jab at me with his beak as he swooped by that I began to understand the horrors of my position. I had no weapon but a jackknife, which I opened and with which I prepared to defend myself. I had been lying down all this time, but I now sat up and made ready for the attack that I felt sure would come. It was not long delayed.

"First one albatross and then another flew at me, picking at my eyes and face. I slashed right and left with my knife, screaming the while, in the hope of scaring the vicious things away. I must have wounded several, but they came at me again and again, each time more savagely. Occasionally, in spite of all that I could do, one would fasten his beak into my flesh and tear a piece away. My face became frightfully lacerated, and I was soon covered with blood that flowed from my wounds.

"I was on the verge of fainting when I heard a shout close at hand. Turning, I saw a boat approaching manned by a crew of rough looking natives. I had been so absorbed in my fight with the birds that I had not observed how close to land I had drifted and that a boat was coming to my rescue. I was taken on board and was glad to see that the birds had given up their fight. They made a few wide circles around the boat and then sailed away to the westward.

"The natives spoke a Spanish dialect which I could only slightly understand, but from it I gathered that they were Tierra del Fuegans and that I was being taken ashore. I did not like their looks and was almost inclined to think that it would have been better to have let myself drown. I was now very weak and ill, and when we landed they had to carry me ashore. I was taken to a hut, where my wounds were dressed by an old woman, who was not at all a bad surgeon, and, after having eaten a little, I was laid upon a mattress, where I slept soundly for several hours.

"An attack of fever followed, and it was nearly a month before I was able to walk. I must have been well nursed, for there were no medicines there. I had a little money in my belt, all of which I gave to my rescuers, making them understand, however, that I wanted them to take me to sea every day in a boat until I could hail a ship. They did so, and in a week I had caught a vessel bound for Sydney. Whatever can be said of the Tierra del Fuegans by other unfortunate travelers, I must admit that they treated me well.

"At Sydney I ran across Norris, who acted as if he had seen a ghost. He shivered and shook with fear, and I taxed him with cutting the rope. He admitted it and begged for mercy. I hadn't the heart to kill him. A few nights afterward he ran amuck while drunk, and I found him in the act of stabbing an American sailor in a saloon. I experienced a thrill of pleasure in seeing him soundly thrashed."—Dublin World.

NECESSITIES COSTLY.

In Paris Water Is the Most Precious and Exclusive Drink.

"Water is the most precious and exclusive drink you can order in Paris," writes Lilian Bell in a letter from the French capital to The Ladies' Home Journal. "Imagine that, you who let the water run to cool it! In Paris they actually pay for water in their houses by the quart. Artichokes and truffles and mushrooms and silk stockings and kid gloves are so cheap here that it makes you think your eyes deceive you, and cream and milk are luxuries. Silks and velvets are bewilderingly inexpensive, but cotton stuffs are from America and are extravagances. They make them up into 'costumes' and trim them with velvet ribbon. Never by any chance could you be supposed to send cotton frocks to be washed every week. The luxury of fresh, starched muslin dresses and plenty of shirt waists is unknown.

"I never shall overcome the convulsions of laughter which assail me when I see varieties of coal exhibited in tiny shop windows, set forth in high glass dishes as we exploit chocolates at home. I can well they may respect it, for it is really very much cheaper to freeze to death than to buy coal in Paris. The reason of all this is the city tax on every stick of wood, every carrot, every egg brought into Paris. Every mouthful of food is taxed. This produces an enormous revenue, and this is why the streets are so clean. It is why the asphalt is as smooth as a ballroom floor. It is why the whole of Paris is as beautiful as a dream."

Useful Books.

If a scholar has little money for books, he should expend it mostly on works of reference, and so get a daily return for his outlay. Somebody has thought a young man of whom we recently heard, who, when asked by a canvasser to purchase an encyclopedia, said he had one.

"Which one is it?" inquired the canvasser.

The young man could not remember. Neither could he tell who published it, but it was a fine work, in many large volumes.

"Do you ever use them?" asked the agent.

"Certainly—almost every day."

"In what line?"

"Oh, I press my trousers with them. They are splendid for that."—Ramshorn.

A Fortune For Flowers.

Mrs. Mackay spends more on floral decorations when giving a dinner party or reception than any other member of the fashionable world. She has been known to have chariots drawn by swans—filled with roses, from which her guests could help themselves. Her dinner tables are a wealth of flowers. When the blossoms are expensive and out of season, the bill for flowers at a reception often amounts to £500.—London Standard.

It is estimated that the United Kingdom produces something like 1,800,000,000 gallons of milk every year over and above what is used on the farms for rearing calves, etc.

London has an army of 160,000 pickpockets.

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THERE is no gainsaying the fact that Hon. C. W. Stone of Warren is gaining ground every day in his candidacy for the Governorship. From every section of the State come favorable reports to that effect.

SINCE W. J. Bryan's return from Mexico his silence on free silver can almost be felt. He has evidently discovered that the old adage of "the proof of the pudding is chewing the string" to be perfectly true.

JUDGE LOUIS E. McCOMAS was elected United States Senator to succeed A. P. Gorman from Maryland. In the next Congress Maryland will be represented by two Republicans, the first time it has occurred in the State.

THE Chambersburg Repository is for peace and Congressman Charles W. Stone. It calls upon Senator Quay to pull off Bill Andrews and demands that Bill Andrews pull off his candidate for Governor, Congressman Stone of Allegheny.

SENATOR WOLCOTT is raising the bid for Democratic votes. In order to catch them he has offered a resolution in the Senate to increase the ratio from 16 to 1, to 20 to 1. This only goes to prove the falsity of the free silverites case.

THE whole northwestern section of the State is reasonably certain to send solid delegations in behalf of Congressman Charles W. Stone for Governor, though Senator Andrews is doing his best to break into some of the counties and undermine the Warren statesman. —Phila. Press.

"Delamater" Andrews, formerly of Meadville but now of Allegheny, is too well known to cut any ice in the northwestern part of the State or, in fact, any other section.

SENATOR QUAY is following in the footsteps of his former running mate, ex-Senator Don Cameron. The latter ere he left the upper House of Congress became a full fledged free silverite. Senator Quay last week voted in favor of bringing the Teller resolution before the Senate for discussion. The senior Senator made an explanation afterwards by saying that his object in voting as he did was to get a full discussion of the question to be used as campaign documents in the future elections. He probably thought that the "hair of the dog would cure the bite." This may be so, but the sound money Republicans of Pennsylvania will look with a tinge of suspicion on this vote of Senator Quay on the Teller resolution.

IN Erie county Congressman Davenport appears to be "the only pebble on the beach" among the Republicans. At a meeting of the county committee last Saturday resolutions were adopted favoring the re election of Representatives Davenport and Sturdevant to Congress, but not one word was said in favor of the candidate of northwestern Pennsylvania for Governor, Hon. Charles W. Stone of Warren. Such an expression was expected by his friends here and should have been given. The Republican primaries were decided to be held April 9th, the same time as in Crawford county. In McKean county the feeling in favor of our candidate for Governor is very general and hearty, as was shown at a meeting of the Republican county committee in Bradford last Saturday.—Warren Mail.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1898.

President McKinley's Cuban policy has not been changed one iota by the Democratic hubbub in the House, last week. He stands now just where he has stood from the beginning, and when he makes a move, it will be because of happenings in Cuba and not because of howling among Democrats. For weeks this government has been ready to move at the proper time—when it shall in the eyes of the civilized world be justified in moving to bring about peace in Cuba. It will not delay because of lying Spanish news from Cuba, any more than it will hurry because of Democratic [illegible]. The Republicans in Congress are supporting this policy solidly and are likely to continue to do so, notwithstanding Democratic [illegible] to the contrary.

The Republicans of the House act as [illegible] behind the administration on [illegible] question as upon the [illegible]. This was shown [illegible] of the committee on foreign affairs, moved to table a resolution calling upon the President for his authority for negotiating a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii in which it is agreed to pay the Hawaiian public debt of $4,000,000 out of the U. S. Treasury. The Democrats tried their best to prevent the resolution being laid on the table, but Mr. Hitt's motion was supported by the Republicans and was carried. There are no new developements in connection with the consideration of the annexation treaty by the Senate.

Notwithstanding the honor paid to the memory of Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, late Commissioner of Patents, by the President, the Cabinet and other distinguished public men, who attended his funeral last week, he is to be further honored by a public memorial meeting, if present plans are carried out. The service that he rendered the country in purifying the practice of patent attorneys, though known by comparatively few, is inestimable in value. It is expected that Acting Commissioner Greely, who was in accord with Mr. Butterworth and his able co-adjutor in the recent reforms, will succeed him as Commissioner of Patents.

It is Mr. Justice McKenna now, the late Attorney General's nomination to the bench of the Supreme court having been confirmed by the Senate without a roll call. Gov. Griggs of New Jersey, who will as soon as his nomination is confirmed by the Senate assume the portfolio of Attorney General in the Cabinet, has been extending his already large acquaintance among public men during a visit to Washington, consequently the President is receiving more praise than ever for the selection of so able a man as Gov. Griggs to succeed Justice McKenna.

Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania hit the Southern Democrats, who are trying to get a bill appropriating $288,000 to cover alleged damages in consequence of the war to the Book Publishing Company of the Southern Methodist church substituted for the Senate bill giving that company the right to refer its claims to the Court of Claims, a heavy blow when he recalled to their memories that an unanswerable report had been made against these claims twenty-five years ago, when they were before the House by a sub-committee composed of Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, Republican, and Hon. W. R. Morrison, Democrat, both then members of the House. Mr. Dalzell said the claim was at that time thrown out as unworthy of the attention of patriotic representatives, sent to Washington not to loot, but to guard the Treasury.

There is some misapprehension even in Congress, of the nature of the old Stanley Matthews resolution, expressing the opinion that the government has the option of paying its bonds in silver, which was recently reoffered by Senator Teller, and which is now under consideration, and will this week be readopted by the silver majority of the Senate, and there is probably much more throughout the country. It is now just as it was twenty years ago, when it was adopted by both branches of Congress, merely a concurrent resolution, not requiring the President's signature and not being binding upon anybody, even when adopted by both Senate and House. In fact, such resolutions are nothing more than an expression of the opinions of those who vote for them. It will be remembered that Mr. Cleveland ignored one or two resolutions of this nature, declaring the opinion of Congress as to what he should do on the Cuban question. In this case the resolution will not get far enough to need ignoring, as, owing to its failure to be acted upon by the House, it will never be officially brought to the attention of President McKinley.

House Election Committee No. 1, has reported in favor of seating Aldrich, the Populist contestant from the fourth Alabama district. Plowman, Democrat now holds the seat.

It is understood that the President has decided upon what modifications of the civil service rules he will make, and the order may be issued any day. The modification, according to this information, is along the lines of the recommendations made in the recent communications of members of the Cabinet to the Senate.

MR. DUKE'S PLATFORM.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE AND THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF McKEAN COUNTY,

GENTLEMEN:—

Through the public press I present to you a statement of why I am a candidate for the office of county treasurer. In my present occupation it was but natural that my thoughts would be directed to the reports of our county auditors, and upon examining them I failed to find any item to cover the value for the use of the public funds on deposit in our banks, and in mentioning it to some of my friends it was suggested that it was a matter of much importance and should be remedied.

There is no excuse for the practice in the past as the banks which have the county funds on deposit are willing to pay a reasonable rate of interest, and there is no reason why we as citizens should wait until officers are compelled by law to do what we know is right.

I was then urged by my friends to present my name for the office I seek, not only on the above grounds, but on account of locality. We as a community have not had the recognition that we think we are entitled to. A good deal of complaint has existed in the county on the ground of bunching the officers from certain parts of the county, instead of dividing them throughout different districts.

We, as members of the county committee, owe it to the people to try and correct abuses in party management. It is certain we cannot expect to win if we go into this campaign divided into factions. We are facing a very serious election, and it is not the individual that must be considered, but the cause. The times are trying ones, and we must act instead of trying to smooth out the wrinkles that should have no place in our party. Our party can furnish relief to our county, and from our party we expect it. But, these results cannot be obtained but through the action of the organization, and it behooves ever member of our party to do his best in establishing that harmony which is essential to our success.

As an individual of this party and committee I have proposed one of the remedies that should be enforced. I have a right to expect as much from every other candidate who seeks support from the party and the people. We must go on record pledged and determined to correct existing wrongs.

The people are not complaining from the good they are receiving from our party, but are finding fault about what should be done and there is no use to try and conceal the fact that a great good can be done. Take a pencil and figure the interest on $25,000 at even 2 per cent, compounded daily, or even monthly, for three years—note the result. This is a saving to the people that I believe will not be overlooked when they cast their votes at the primaries on Saturday, March 19, from 4:00 to 9:00 p. m. The item of interest is original with me as far as it appertains to county funds and will be carried out to the letter if I am successful.

Personally my only desire in seeking this office is an opportunity to make a record for myself in serving the people in this office, in which I think I am qualified to do. I intend to use all honorable means to win, and if I am defeated by the people for this office, one thing is certain, I will abide by their decision. I am,

Very truly yours,
C. A. DUKE.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

SNAP DELEGATE ELECTIONS.

The desire of Senator William H. Andrews of Delamater distinction, and the chairman of the Republican State committee to have delegates to the State convention elected at the earliest possible day is being complied with in many counties where the committees are controlled by those who complaisantly fall into the scheme. In a considerable number of districts the delegates will be named within a few weeks and in more the choice will be made months before the meeting of the State convention.

It is easy to know what this is done for. It is worked in the interest of Senator Andrews' scheme to nominate a candidate for Governor who will answer his purpose regardless of the effect it may have upon the Republican party. It goes hand in hand with the job of setting up bogus contesting delegations where those regularly elected cannot be used, and what is being done in that way in Philadelphia is to be done elsewhere. When the convention meets no one need be surprised to find that these bogus delegates have been put on the official roll by the State committee chairman and the regularly elected and honestly elected delegates thereby placed in the position of contestants. In this way and with snap delegate elections in interior districts it is intended to steal the convention and make it subservient to the personal purposes Senator Andrews has in view.

There is some justification for the early election of delegates where primaries are necessarily held for another and urgent purpose, and two primaries can be avoided by the choice of State delegates at the same time. Such a situation occurred in this city, where nominations were required for the coming February election. If delegates to the State convention had not been named at the same time the expense of another primary would have been necessary before June 2. That has been avoided. But a similar situation exists nowhere else in the State, for the reason that no nominations are made outside of Philadelphia for the February election where the whole county participates in the convention. In a number of cases care is taken to elect the State delegates at the time the candidates for county officers and members of the legislature, to be voted for next November, are nominated. It can well be understood there is no hurry about this; any time within a few days of the State convention would be quite sufficient.

But under the scheme of Senator Andrews and Chairman Elkins, some of the counties this year will go to the expense of having two primaries before the State convention. One of these is to be held very early to elect State delegates, and the other later to nominate county candidates. There is no need of such a situation as exists in Cumberland county, for instance, where one primary is to be held early in March to elect delegates to the State convention, and another late in May to nominate county candidates. The May convention would be early enough to elect delegates, and the cost of an additional primary would be saved. That, also, would have given the people more time to think over the Governorship, but it does not suit Mr. Andrews' purpose to have the people do any thinking on this subject. It would defeat his plan.

It is not surprising that the more sincere and intelligent Republican newspapers of the State, caring more for the integrity and success of the party than for the triumph of some party boss, are speaking plainly on this subject. The methods are the same that lost the party a Governor in 1890, together with many members of Congress, Representatives in the Legislature and county officers almost without number. Is that disaster to be repeated?—Press.

AMENDED RULES.

Following is a copy of rules 2 and 8 of the rules as adopted last Saturday night at the Republican caucus:

RULE II.

Any person desiring to be a candidate for nomination at such caucus shall present his name together with the name of the office he desires to be a candidate for to the said committeeman at least two days prior to the holding of such caucus, and shall pay to said committeeman fifty cents for printing tickets and necessary blanks for said caucus. The said committeeman shall cause to be printed and distributed at said caucus a sufficient number of tickets of two columns, one column containing the names of such persons only as shall have given the required notice and paid the fee, under sub-headings designating the offices for which nominations are to be made with a blank space after the name of each candidate; and the other column to be made up of blank spaces for each candidate to be nominated at said caucus under sub-headings designating the offices for which nominations are to be made, and such ticket shall be the only tickets used or counted at such caucus.

RULE VIII.

Each voter shall indicate his choice of candidates whose names are printed on such ticket by placing a cross (X) in the blank space in the first column after the name of each candidate he desires to have nominated, and in case the voter wishes to have nominated any person whose name is not printed on said ticket he shall write such person's name in the proper blank space in the second column, indicating the office for which he wishes him nominated.

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds, and for all affections of throat, chest and lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

No Griping or Pains.

Arrowsmith, Ill., Jan. 21, 1897.

Dear Sirs:—I have been bothered for 15 years with constipation and I have tried many preparations during that time. I commenced using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the fall of 1895 and unhesitatingly say it is the best remedy I have ever found for my trouble. No griping or pains after taking. Yours, etc., Wm. Burt. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Good house and lot for sale. Inquire at this office or of the undersigned.
M. S. COMES.

Go to Lemmler's for Robes and Blankets. He can suit you. Prices are right.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

The public schools of [illegible] [illegible] crowded. At a recent [illegible] of school [illegible] a communication [illegible] on this subject, written by [illegible] Miller, was read. More than [illegible] pupils are [illegible] without desks and [illegible] in school are running the streets. The committee appointed to select a site for a new building have not yet made up their minds as to which location is most suitable, and the chances are very favorable of no more accommodation for pupils till next year.

The Pompelon Club met last Saturday for its weekly discussion in the auditorium of the Church of Eternal Hope. The subject was "The Evolution of Money," and it was well introduced by M. Y. Brink. Several arguments followed in favor of paper and sound money and the meeting was one of the most interesting of any of the series. Next Saturday night the subject for discussion will be "The Panama Canal and its International Aspects," to be introduced by F. A. Churchill.

John Nixon of the east end had a unique experience last week and one from which few persons would have been lucky enough to escape alive. Nixon while hauling a load of garbage drove his horse in front of Train 47, which was coming down the track at a good rate of speed. Nixon was thrown some distance and the wagon smashed to smithereens. When picked up he was unconscious and was taken to the hospital. He recovered quickly and except for a few bruises seemed none the worse for his collision.

The outlook for a baseball team and a good season of sport next summer is very favorable. Messrs. Lindsey, Stuart and Clark are negotiating with the electric street railway company for a plot of ground just east of the city and accessible by trolley. The plan is to have the company fix up the ground, build fences, bleachers, etc. There is plenty of good material for a team and the games would certainly be well patronized. The old Iron and Oil League will be reorganized.

A recent report that the B., R. & P. railroad is contemplating the removal of the railroad shops from this city to S. & B. Junction has stirred up the inhabitants and members of the board of trade. There is seemingly no truth in the report. Should it be true, however, it would be a serious loss to Bradford and one that would be felt in all channels of trade.

Last week was an unlucky one for railroad employees in this city. Two men in the B. R. & P. shops lost several fingers by accident, two brakemen on the Erie road had fingers cut off while making couplings and a trainman from Buffalo while making up a train in the lower yards in this city had three fingers of his right hand cut cleanly off.

Surveyors are in the city for the purpose of surveying the proposed route of the electric street railway to Lewis Run. This village will doubtless be made into a most delightful summer resort. If the line is extended through there are prospects of the building of a large sanitarium and hotel by one of our leading business men.

Bradfordians have certainly got the Klondike fever in the most acute form. It is safe to presume that the ague will come later on, probably among the icy fields of the frozen north. Monday morning a party of 12 left this city, en route for Alaska. This is said to be the largest party from one place this season.

The Chinamen of Bradford, as well as those all over the country, celebrated the Chinese new year last Saturday and Sunday. A banquet was served at the laundry of Quong Wah on Mechanic street Sunday which was attended by many Celestials from this city and Olean.

Health Officer Franklin is at present taking a vacation and his duties are being fulfilled by a sub. The city is in a very healthy condition. All patients who have been ill of contagious diseases are convalescent and the quarantines have been removed.

Harry Morrill, a former Bradford man, and an employee of the B., R. & P. railway, was killed in Pittsburg last week. Morrill was breaking on the road and while on duty caught his foot in the frog and was run over by the train.

An institution for the cure of liquor, morphine and tobacco habits is to be started in Bradford. Mayor Fagnan and Dr. Winger are among the promoters of the cure.

The 18th annual masquerade ball of the Cornen Hose Company was given at the east end opera house Tuesday and was a great success.

Miss Bertha Langworthy, who left last week for New York, has entered on a course of training in a Staten Island hospital.

The Temple Club gave one of their pleasant receptions and impromptu dances at the Masonic temple Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. B. Gibson has at last left the hospital, nearly recovered from her long and dangerous illness.

CLERMONT.

The recent cold weather must have frozen up the Independent Gas Co., as we do not hear any more from them. Perhaps they are only taking a rest while Sup't Shelander keeps himself busy blowing off the gas and salt water at their well No. 2.

There was a very large turnout at the union caucus last Saturday evening, notwithstanding the rain that set in that day.

C. A. V. Harvey has moved his family into his new house recently erected on the island. He is now located where he can enjoy life.

W. A. Russell received the nomination for judge of election for the first district at the union caucus last Saturday evening.

The ladies of Clermont Hive, L. O. T. M., attended the installation of officers of Crosby Hive on Wednesday evening last.

Superintendent Ryan and Commissioner Young were in town on business last Saturday.

Constable Callen of East Smethport had business in town the first of the week.

Who will be our next supervisor?

LABABEE.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Anderson were made happy by the arrival of a young son at their home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Oscar Carpenter, whose health has been very poor for some time, is quite ill at this writing.

Mrs. Wm. Galutia and daughter, Theo. of Eldred, were guests of Mrs. C. J. Foster Tuesday.

Mrs. D. D. Otto and sister, Miss Bella Otto, are visiting in Olean.

Miss Helen Berg is home after spending a few weeks in Eldred.

Archabald Rice of Gardeau is visiting his father, A. L. Rice.

B. F. Cory of Coryville was in town Tuesday.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The Sun

may shine brightly and the birds may sing their sweetest songs but if your stomach is not right there is no happiness for you. Keep a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the house and use it according to directions and the sun and birds will not shine and sing in vain. Constipation and indigestion cured. Trial size 10c (10 doses) and in 50c and $1.00 bottles. Of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great pile remedy. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

The finest of room moulding 50 varieties to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

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[illegible] believe that many of you, like myself, would be unable to sleep, after such a vision.

You say perhaps, that they are largely Chinese who occupy these opium dens. Granted, though they are not exclusively Chinamen, by any means, but Chinese are human beings with souls. No less than 1,000 pounds of prepared opium are consumed annually by the few Chinamen of the little city of Astoria, Oregon, alone. Add to that all the Chinese population of this United States, and add the army of opium victims, who are found not among the Chinese alone, and you will have some idea of the extent of this vice. Two years ago the Medical Association of California, in a ringing resolution, called the attention of the medical fraternity of the State to the great and growing increase of the vice among the home population of California, especially in the form of morphia, administered as pills or by hypodermic syringe; it asserted that the vice was on the increase among the women of the State and when I asked a leading physician of San Francisco, who has a world-wide reputation in his specialty, why it was that the women of California were becoming addicted to this vice, he answered that the pains and duties of social life and of maternity in that unsettled region, had rendered many women simply nervous wrecks. They have not the fortitude to endure pain, and a kind hearted physician would administer morphia; afterwards it was self administered, until the patient became the victim. I do not condemn the use of morphia or chloroform administered under the eye of a thoughtful, conscientious and experienced physician. On the contrary, I believe that the use of anodynes in connection with the surgeon's knife is one of the greatest discoveries in this nineteenth century; but alas! the ignorance of the mass of the people concerning the danger of these drugs is rapidly rendering it one of the greatest of curses.

A young Christian woman, the wife of one of our leading merchants, told me the following story: "I am addicted to severe sick headaches and one day after enduring the pain all day I called in my physician and told him he must give me something to reduce the pain. He gave me two pellets of morphia and told me to take one that evening, but on no account to take the other pill that day, as the two would be certain death if taken the same day. I took one of the pills laid down by the side of my sleeping babe, and in a few moments all sense of pain disappeared. I was filled with the most delightful sensations and it seemed to me it would be simply ecstacy if I could continue them. My baby was asleep, my servant in a distant part of the house; there was no one present to oppose my insane idea and so I arose from my bed found my way to where the pill of morphia was, took it in my hand and with flashing eyes and trembling lips in another minute I would have taken that pill and ended my life if God in His mercy had not at that moment sent home my husband; the sight of him broke the spell that was on me, and weeping and trembling, I ran to his arms and begged him to take that morphia out of the house."

But this evil of self administering of morphia is not confined to women. In the last year no less than three of the leading business men of the city of Portland, Oregon, have died from a dose of chloroform self administered and yet in the coroner's investigation in each case it was shown that these men had no intention of committing suicide, but were in the habit of using the drug to deaden pain.

But what shall we say of the thousands and thousands who are to-day deliberately taking these drugs until they have actually become opium fiends? The evil is not confined to the Pacific coast. Dr. Talmage says, "It is one of the appalling thoughts that are brought to us that there are to-day 600,000 victims of opium in the United States of America. I myself in this beautiful church have knelt by the side of elegantly dressed men and women, crying out in agony to God for deliverance from the opium habit." But he goes on to say that deliverance rarely comes. And why? Because there is not a physician in this nation to-day, but will tell you that there is not one tenth as much hope of the reformation of an opium eater as there is of a drunkard, and the moral degredation is a hundred times as great. I might give you statistics of the thousands in Minnesota, in Wisconsin, in Michigan, while citizens, who are to-day opium eaters, eating this drug almost as they eat their food, but assuredly I have given you enough to convince you that there should be careful thought and action upon this subject.

Shall I give another phase of the question and that is, the trade itself? You are perhaps are aware that the free importation of opium into this nation is not permitted by the United States government. On the contrary it has done just what it has done with the liquor habit, it has gone into partnership with the business. A law has been passed that any ship knowingly carrying smuggled opium is subject to confiscation by the U. S. government, and yet to-day this opium can be procured in any of our seaports, because it is in such great demand in the United States, the sale of opium is such a profitable business, that ship captains can afford to run the risk of confiscation of their vessels, for the carrying of smuggled opium. It is estimated by the internal revenue commissioner of Astoria, Oregon, that there is enough opium smuggled into the single port of Astoria to supply all the physicians of this United States with opium for legitimate purposes. What becomes of the rest?

A short time ago a ship from China sailed into Astoria harbor and the commissioner of revenue went on board to examine it for smuggled opium. He dug down into the coal bins in the hold of the vessel and there discovered sealed in oil cans, $2,000 worth of smuggled opium. He thought that was all and let the ship go on to Portland, but after it had sailed, it occurred to him there was one part of the vessel he had not searched and so he telegraphed to Portland to have the officers search the water pipes of the ship; they did so, and took six thousand dollars worth of smuggled opium out of the water pipes of that vessel.

There is a whisper on the Pacific coast that after all it would be better to license the traffic, as is done with the liquor traffic. It is time that the attention of every Christian man and woman was arrested upon this question, and I lay this burden upon your hearts.

MARCISSA WHITE KINNEY,
National Supt. of Narcotics, W.C.T.U.

Transfer of License.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Court of Quarter Sessions of McKean county at Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 28th day of February, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, to transfer to C. H. Moore the license originally granted by said Court to Jonas Artley May 17, 1897, and by said Court transferred to H. M. White June 21, 1897. The said license being given and transferred to said licensee and transferee to keep an inn or tavern called the American House, situate in the 6th ward of the city of Bradford, McKean county, Pennsylvania, standing at the corner of East Main street and Kendall avenue. The residence of C. H. Moore, applicant, is Bradford, Pa., and his occupation hotel keeper.

W. J. MILLIKEN,
Jan. 28, 1898—3-43 Att'y for Applicant.

Executors' Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that letters testamentary in the estate of E. H. Barnum, late of Bradford City, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment of such indebtedness, and those having claims against the same, to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

C. H. LAVENS,
W. H. POWERS,
Executors of the estate of E. H. Barnum, deceased.
Bradford, Pa., Jan'y 20, 1898—3-41

Order of Court for 1898 for McKean and Potter Counties.

And now, Dec. 18, 1897, it is ordered that hereafter until lawfully changed the regular terms of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and general jail delivery and Orphan's Courts of the county of McKean shall be held as follows to-wit:

The fourth (4) Monday of February and continue one week.

The first (1st) Monday in June and continue one week.

The third (3d) Monday in October and continue one week.

And the second (2d) Monday in December and continue one week.

And the regular terms of the same Courts in the county of Potter shall be held as follows, to-wit:

The first (1) Monday in March and continue one week.

The second (2) Monday in June and continue one week.

The third (3) Monday in September and continue one week, and

The third (3) Monday in December and continue one week.

And the Prothonotary will cause this order to be published in three newspapers of general circulation in the county of McKean [illegible]

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With February 1st our business year closes
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Jan. 7, 1898. Smethport, Pa.

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McKean County Miner

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, JAN 28, 1898

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

More lovely far would be the day
That comes in early spring
Did people only have to pay
To hear the [illegible] sing
If water [illegible] glass
Although it's [illegible] so frisky
'Twould find n[illegible] favor with the class
That [illegible] the whisky
CHARLES A. OLMSTEAD.

—Civil court convenes Feb. 7

—See the new adv of Dr. Hicks of Kane

—The Kellogg Bird Carnival Company at the opera house Feb 8

—L. Koenig has been decorating the office at the Grand Central

—McCoys Drug Store has a new adv in this week's issue Do not fail to read it.

—Mrs. Carl Sasse has been suffering with neuralgia for a few days, but is reported better

—Do not forget the date, Feb. 8, the Kellogg Bird Carnival Company will appear at the opera house

—Mr and Mrs C A Anderson of Colegrove received a little strange girl at their home last Friday night.

—J C Gallup's bond as postmaster arrived last Monday and was duly filled out and returned to the postoffice department at Washington.

—The Eclectic Assembly of Ormsby will give a masquerade ball, Friday evening, Feb. 11 A general invitation is extended to all to attend. Dance tickets, $1.00. Supper 50 cents per couple.

—Get your tickets for the Kellogg Bird Carnival Company, Feb. 8.

—If you have not time to visit Olean a postal card addressed to H W Marcus will bring you what you wish.

—The MINER presents to its many readers this week a couple of poems from the pen of Chas A Olmstead our local poet.

—Johnson & Latham will number the houses and business places of this place as soon as the weather becomes more favorable

—There was no court held here last Wednesday owing to the illness of Judge Olmsted and Judge Morrison being away at Erie.

—T H Clark has been over to Austin where he has been engaged in doing some plumbing work for our former townsman, F E Baldwin

—Old Man Racket is on deck as usual this week See his unique advertisement in another column You will be surprised at his prices

—Erastus Curtis was in this office last Friday and stated that he had not been compelled to go to bed on account of illness in over 50 years

—Herman and Rudolph Sasse went to Farmers Valley yesterday to do some paper hanging and painting for W A Young on his homestead

—The old abandoned engine house near the B B & K. depot could not withstand the hurricane of last Sunday and it went down in the gale

—Last week's Renovo Record contained an excellent half-tone cut of H W Marcus of Olean and a lengthy article on his theory of coloring the currency.

—The ladies of the Baptist church will give a 15 cent supper at the home of Mrs. Watkin's over D C Young's store to-night Supper served from 6 o'clock.

—W H Olmsted closed out his entire stock of goods last Tuesday This is without doubt one of the most rapid private sales that has ever been consummated here.

—The Clermont sports will give a grand masquerade ball Friday evening, Feb 4 Col Hugh Boyd and Will Mul[illegible] will appear in fancy dress suits A grand time is promised

—The Reporter says that the pounding of Port Allegany hammers will keep Smethport awake another year This will furnish employment for some of Port Allegany's would be "knockers."

—Next September the Union Veteran Legion will hold their national encampment at Williamsport Free transportation will be furnished to all members to visit the famous battlefield of Gettysburg

—The following letters remain in the post office at Smethport for the week ending Jan 22 F W Allison, John Bartlett Chas. Moore, Elmer Shubert Christian Swanson Frank Thomas A B Walker

—The MINER is in receipt of the Philadelphia Times Almanac for 1898 The book is full of useful information In another column will be found the prospectus of the Times, which is the handsomest newspaper published in the country

—The names of Mesdames W B Clarke and J W Booton were inadvertently left out in the mention of the party given at the opera house last week Miss Minnie Hibbard's name was also omitted in the mention of the one given the week previous

—The Maccabees of Ormsby install their officers to-night After the installation there will be a dance. A free lunch is to be furnished. They will give a five dollar cake to the handsomest lady present and presumably a journey cake to the homliest man

—Our esteemed friend, J. M. McElroy now wields the pen, makes change and "calls front," while he rings the bell at the Grand Central Mr McGuire is to be congratulated on securing a man so popular as Mr McElroy to preside at the desk of the Central

—The Reporter has served notice on the farmers of McKean county (not in so many words however) that hereafter when they attend the McKean county fair they need not go to Port Allegany, but to Liberty township Turn to the right at this end of the bridge.

—Lookout for counterfeit one dollar pieces as they are floating around. You can detect them by the ring and they are also of lighter weight —Clarion Gazette Yes we have been looking for the varmint for a long time, but even a counterfeit is afraid to come this way.

—The MINER is pleased to note that John Vanblad has rented the new blacksmith shop of T. H Pratt John is a man well liked a good workman, industrious and sober and will be sure to make a success The MINER wishes him prosperity in his new undertaking

—Last Thursday night a number of young people tendered Miss Eva Bender a pleasant surprise at her home on Mechanic street in honor of her birthday Miss Bender proved herself a charming hostess and at a late hour the guests departed after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening

—Fred Boylan of Farmers Valley, who for some time has been foreman for Forman & George at Ormsby was married at Olean last Saturday to Miss Nellie Roberts of Ormsby, formerly a teacher in our public school Both are estimable people and the MINER wishes them a long prosperous and happy life

—Last Monday Squire Knapp issued a warrant for the arrest of Geo Monroe of Clermont on the charge of aggravated assault on a young man named Larson. The assault was committed on Dec. 4 '97, and the young man has been confined to his bed ever since. Monroe was taken before 'Squire Steinhauer who admitted him to bail in the small sum of $200

—Her Royal Highness Princess Nellie Bo-Settlemayer, eldest daughter of King George of the Galahs, a powerful tribe on the west coast of Africa, is a pupil at the Colored Normal school of Baltimore She is 19 years old and very black.—Warren Mirror Anyone would naturally think she would be "very black" if she even attempted to pronounce her own name

—The ladies of Normandie Circle were pleasantly entertained by Mesdames Church and Richmond at the home of the former Tuesday. Quotations on hospitality were in order. An instructive program had been prepared, after which the good things of life were very much in evidence and the members one and all voiced the sentiment, "Long live the C L S C"

—Brother Lillibridge of the Port Allegany Reporter has evidently been ensconced behind a mountain of feathers, surmounting some lady's hat, at a lecture or a play, judging from the tone of the following "A public speaker should be required to stand stationery upon delivering a lecture. The least shifting about, the most trifling change of position, and the audience is thrown into commotion, trying to locate the lecturer peeking among ostrich tips, birds, in size ranging from the humming bird to the American eagle, and multi-colored ribbons of huge lengths and breadths."

—"Lost Man's Lane" the great detective story written by Anna Katherine Green, has its first presentation in the columns of the Illustrated Buffalo Express. That paper prints the best of fiction and [illegible] year [illegible] speak of the short [illegible] between

—The Rebekah Lodge will give one of their enjoyable dances and a Klondike supper at the opera house Feb. 4. The name of the supper implies something cold, but our word for it, these warm hearted dames will not serve anything cold but ice cream Do not fail to attend as they promise a red hot time in town on that date

—The Philadelphia Press surprised its many friends last Sunday by appearing several hours earlier than usual The management of the Press run a special train to Harrisburg, which arrived there at 3 a m, Sunday, connecting with trains leaving there for different sections of the State The Sunday Press reached Pittsburg at 12 m. There seems to be a race between the Press and Inquirer.

—The question was raised in town this week as to whether a woman, who is a tax-payer could legally vote for a candidate for school director After consulting with eminent counsel on the subject, the conclusion is arrived at that no judge of election would be justified in presenting a woman with the Baker ballot. The law governing that ballot, would deprive a woman of its partial use, for the purpose of voting only for a school director.

—The editor of the Chicago Record, who has evidently had much experience, says that no woman is ever really angry if a man tries to kiss her, but some of them make a pretty big bluff at times.—Ceres Mail The above sentence is rather incomplete It says "no woman is ever really angry if a man tries to kiss her." But what would be the consequence if he tried and succeeded? There are quite a number of our young swains who would like to be enlightened on this subject.

—Port Allegany seems to be fortunate in securing industries It is reported that the Appert glass works will locate there. The report is also circulated that an acid plant will be located there. The glass works will be located along the W. N Y & P R r, and the acid works on the C & P A Ry above town Port Allegany will now put on metropolitan airs. The MINER congratulates her hustling citizens for the indomitable energy they have displayed in this undertaking.

—There was a remarkable marriage contract entered into at Bloomsburg, Pa., last Friday, that dated back for over 50 years George C Grubb aged 72 years and Mrs Amanda Clewell, aged 68 years, were joined in wedlock In 1849 they were engaged to be married, a quarrel ensued and the man went to California and did not return until about three weeks ago He found his early love still faithful to her youthful promise They were married and ought to live happily the balance of their lives.

—The most gratifying feature about this rush for the gold diggings of Alaska's fields is the class of men who make the venture. As far as heard from those who have gone from this section and elsewhere are men of most excellent reputation and standing, men of brains and energy, who go to that frigid region after giving careful thought to the dangers and hardships they will be compelled to endure This speaks volumes for the state or government that will control events in Alaska, as the better element will prevail

—It is rather surprising to find so many bowlegged men in the world It would be advisable to adopt the Norwegian custom of swathing the children until their bones and elbows become sufficiently strong to bear their weight without causing them to become bowlegged. There are many other advantages to be derived from this practice of swathing the little ones, they are so much more easily handled and not near so liable to catch cold as they cannot kick their clothes off and expose their little limbs to sudden draughts and there is one thing certain, we would have no bowlegged men

—The Philadelphia Inquirer has made a stride in newspaper enterprise that overshadows anything ever attempted since printing became an art. In order to reach its many readers throughout the cities and country towns of Pennsylvania and adjoining States, the Inquirer management runs a special train over the Reading railroad to Harrisburg a distance of 112 miles, leaving the Quaker City shortly after midnight and connecting at Harrisburg with all trains going north, west or south This will bring the Inquirer here on the same day it is published, whereas formerly it required almost two days.

—The Papers read at the Travelers' Club last week were unusually entertaining for the reason that they were very pleasant subjects, Miss Redfield explained the origin of the Orders of Knighthood and recounted the adventures of the Knights of the Golden Fleece Mrs. Belver described the principal cities of Spain and Miss Wright told of the social life, hospitality and amusements of the Spanish people An unusually large amount of business was also concluded. There will be a special meeting, Saturday, Jan 29 to organize a Village Improvement Society and to arrange for a banquet to be held some time next month All members are desired to be present

—Sometime during last summer a young men named E E Letterman, claiming State College as his home, came to Sinnamahoning and secured work The report states that he was a young man of good address, wore tailor-made clothes and made himself generally agreeable Miss Bertha Fulton, a daughter of well-to-do parents of the same place, became acquainted with the young man and they were married last Thanksgiving Day Soon rumors of a former marriage were flying around, and two brothers of the bride went to State College and found wife No. 1 The much-married Letterman now languishes in the Emporium jail, while there are grave doubts of the recovery of wife No. 2, who lies completely prostrated by the shock

—At the old folks' dance and card party last Thursday night there was a great deal of amusement derived from cake walk and the distribution of prizes won at cards There is no question but that James McKean had a lead pipe cinch on the cake walk, as he seemed to have the whole business syndicated, and carried off the cake with a great deal of satisfaction only to be chagrined when he discovered he had a beautifully decorated journey cake. Chas. McKean received a large kite, beautifully decorated, with a flourishing tail about 15 feet in length, as first prize at cards Mrs. H. C Wells received a beautiful apron and feather duster, Dr McCoy was the happy recipient of a large red bandanna handkerchief Lunch was served at the Wright House and was heartily enjoyed by all There were [illegible] present Delegations were in attendance from Bradford, Kane and Port Allegany The ladies who so royally entertained are deserving of the thanks of all who enjoyed their hospitality.

—The Port Allegany Reporter [illegible] week is speaking of the [illegible] we [illegible] the fact [illegible] For[illegible] legonians were in the majority

—Bob Pallatt received a grand ovation at the B B & K. depot last Saturday on his departure for Bradford on his way to Klondike. Many of Bob's friends were present to wish him good luck and God speed At Bradford he joined the following party Mr and Mrs. A E Hurley, John P and Francis Mullin, Nat Wells, Harry Glass, Wm E Matthews, W. C Campbell and Bernard Cohen of Bradford, W H Brace and Thomas Given of Rixford Dr Hamilton expected to join them at Chicago, if not, they will meet at Seattle. This makes a party of thirteen, but made up of such indomitable and courageous spirits, the old saw of an unlucky number will be compelled to give way and for one will smile upon our venturesome voyagers.

Republican Caucus.

Last Saturday night about 80 Republicans of the borough met in the basement of the court house. J M McElroy was elected chairman; N H Knapp and F L Holmes, secretaries. The new rules were brought up for adoption and quite a spirited debate was indulged in between E R Mayo and Sheridan Gorton, as to the style of a ticket to be used at caucuses in the future. This amendment was finally agreed upon That a blank column be added to the ticket, which would give the voter an opportunity to write in the name of his choice for office providing it did not already appear on the ticket With this amendment the rules as printed in last week's MINER were adopted The caucus then proceeded to the business of nominating candidates to be voted for at the coming election

M L Armstrong and Jonathan Colegrove were nominated for councilmen for three years Charles Lemmler and Sam Ramer were then placed in nomination for the two-year term A ballot was taken resulting in a tie each having received 57 votes with several ballots thrown out, not being in proper form. Another ballot was taken resulting in the nomination of Mr Ramer by a fair majority

W G Holder was nominated for high constable by acclamation. This action ruffled the feelings of Comrade Peirce, who stated that when a Republican caucus got into such a state that it would nominate a Democrat he was going home

John Eastman and Oscar Engstrom were nominated for auditors.

Mrs T A Morrison and Mrs. D. L. Forsythe Henry Biever and H W Rubin were placed in nomination for school directors, for the three-year term Mr Rubin received 47 votes; Mr. Biever, 45, Mrs. Morrison 12 and Mrs. Forsythe, 14 Our Republican voters failed to show their gallantry One voter, while vigorously expectorating, strenuously objected to "petticoat government" For the two-year term for director, Chris Herzog and C A. Burdick were placed in nomination Mr. Burdick carried off the honors.

J C. Backus was nominated for judge of election

Cliff Burlingame was nominated for inspector of election

A Shooting Affray

"Hickory" Pratt narrowly escaped serious injury last Monday morning at the hands of Carl Nelson, an untamed Swede from the wilds of Wettmore township, who until recently, was employed as a porter at the Grand Central. Mr Pratt and Nelson were joking in the Central when something "Hick" said or done caused Nelson's fiery temper to arise and a spirited dispute followed. The bystanders prevented the men from fighting and in a few moments both Pratt and Nelson went out on the street and the "chewing match" was renewed. Suddenly Nelson drew a revolver and deliberately fired at "Hickory," and only for the fact that the weapon was "muzzle-bound," would probably have seriously injured him

At this stage of the game Col Lester Prout interferred and vigorously placed his boots on that part of Nelson's anatomy where it is popularly supposed to do the most good Mr. Pratt stated that although somewhat frightened at the time was he glad to see that Nelson was careful not to damage his (Pratt's) hide. The writer left before Mr Pratt had finished his story and therefore does not know exactly how to interpret that remark Nelson, who it is said is a victim of wild west literature and cigarettes, left town soon after the shooting.

Democratic Caucus.

The following ticket was placed in nomination by the Democrats at their caucus last Wednesday night. They showed their gallantry by nominating three ladies for school directors

Council—Warley Gifford, 3 years; Wm. McCammon, 3 years; Ed Hungerford, 2 years.

School directors—Mrs Emma Gifford, 3 years, Mrs. Jane Forsythe, 3 years, Mrs. Kathring McKean, 2 years.

Assessor—Francis Freeman.

Judge of Election—Carl Sasse.

Inspector—John Cramsey.

Auditors—Wash Stark, R. E. Burdick

The ladies will give their Republican competitors a race to the finish and the gentlemen will have to look well to their laurels or they will take second money.

All Ready for Business.

To the Public

Notwithstanding the total loss of my livery plant by fire on the 11th of December I am ready for business in a new barn and am prepared to care for the transient trade and also furnish rigs at a moment's notice Your patronage solicited

A T PALMER.

Jan'y 11, 1898.—2-3t

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Louden Grover of Sardis, Ky "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism Sold by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follows neglected colds. A B Armstrong & Co.

[illegible] wants a good bicycle. Would trade [illegible] for a cow [illegible] two years old [illegible] cash for same. Call [illegible]
R. H D[illegible]
Smethport, Pa.

[illegible]

A [illegible] Infants [illegible] refused [illegible]

The MINER and Tribune [illegible]

Who Would Know

[illegible]
And from [illegible]
What no man [illegible]
For what faith [illegible]
That the fu[illegible]
Some [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
But some doubt [illegible] lying
Thus [illegible] may be
Mocks the [illegible]
Dreams of immortality?
Hopes and doubts commingle ever—
But the shadows darkly hide,
And repel each vain endeavor
To reveal the other side
Does the dark, forbidding portal
To the realm where all must go,
But prelude a life immortal
Or oblivion.—who would know
—CHARLES A. OLMSTEAD

Married

In this place, Wednesday Jan 26, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs F. A. Mason, by Rev Ira Taylor Walker, D D Mr Mott Covell Peters of Buffalo, N Y, with Miss Corinne Edith Mason of Smethport.

Only the immediate relatives and one or two intimate friends were present. The bride wore a handsome and exceedingly becoming costume of blue broadcloth, lined throughout with rose-colored silk and trimmed with fur

She carried white roses which were graciously distributed among the ladies after the ceremony and were a fitting souvenir of the giver. An elegant lunch was served, the tables being decorated with smilax and pink carnations. A bevy of young ladies and gentlemen surprised Mr and Mrs Peters at the depot and wished them good luck with the usual compliments of rice and old shoes as they boarded the train for Buffalo where they will reside

The groom is an employee of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co of Buffalo and is a young man of pleasing address and exemplary character The bride is well known as one of Smethport's most accomplished and fascinating young ladies.

Death of Alonzo Lucas.

Alonzo Lucas died in the General Hospital at Buffalo last Friday night, of appendicitis. He was aged 27 years, 4 months and 17 days. About five weeks ago Mr Lucas was taken there for treatment Two operations were performed with the hope of benefiting him, but fate seemed to order otherwise and death ensued

The remains were brought to this place last Saturday Funeral services were held in the M. E. church Sunday at 2 p m, Rev I T Walker officiating In spite of the severe storm pending at the time, there was a large concourse of mourning relatives and friends present. Interment at Rose Hill cemetery

Mr Lucas was joined in Wedlock to Miss Edith Brittain, Dec. 24, 1895. He leaves a wife and one small child to mourn his early departure May He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb watch over and guard the bereaved in their hour of affliction

Obituary.

Francis Lambert died at his home in Neversink, Sullivan Co., N Y, on Jan. 13th He was one of the oldest residents in that place. He was born in Germany in 1813 and came to this country at the age of 24 years and married in New York city the same year He settled in West Point, then moved to Lackawack, then to Grahamsville From there he moved to Neversink, where he had resided up to the time of his death. He leaves a widow and eight grown children John and Edward served in the late war, George, the eldest son, lives at Galeton, Pa; Edward at Coudersport, Pa, and Gus at Pittsburg, Pa, John remains at home with the old folks, Mrs. Morgan, the eldest daughter, lives at Scranton, Pa., and Mrs. Nathaniel Ramer lives at Smethport, Pa, Mrs. Daniel Wagoner at Port Chester, N. Y; Kate remains at home. The funeral was attended by his relatives and a large concourse of friends at St. Peter's church, Liberty Interment in the Liberty cemetery Mr Lambert was 85 years, nine months and five days old at the time of his death. He was a good father, a kind husband and an honest neighbor. He was always a member of the Catholic church —Liberty, N. Y., Register.

Evangelistic Work

The evangelistic work services commenced on Watch Night, under the direction of Dr Walker, pastor of the M E church, have continued up to the present time with most gracious results. The church seems united and quickened into new life. Thirteen persons, chiefly adults, have indicated their purpose to accept the Saviour. These sweet testimonies add so much interest to the evening services. The work is only in its beginning whether the services continue this week and the appointments for next week will be given next Sabbath.

The pastor will preach from the following subjects, next Sabbath In the morning "Beyond the Grave, or Heavenly Recognition" At the close of the sermon an opportunity will be given to all who may desire to unite with the church on probation or by church certificate In the evening the subject will be the same as announced for last Sunday evening—laid over because of the storm "The Prodigal Son, or the relation of the human will to Christian purpose" All are invited.

A Correction

MR. EDITOR.—

Allow me to correct my article in last week's issue in one particular It should have read, Frisbee school is badly crowded, there is not desk room for the Kent Hollow children—13 in number—there This school house was built to accommodate 40 children. The directors have put in seats and by putting two pupils in a seat 60 can be accommodated, by crowding the children like sardines in a box.

MARIE E RICE

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The [illegible] of Gold.

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Gold has [illegible] of power,
It must [illegible] rule,
And may [illegible] to hone
Disdain to be a fool
"Then fool this night" to die,
Means sorrow yet untold;
It means to mourn and sigh
To give our life for gold
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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs Carrie Reilly visited Buffalo last Friday.

G B. Mayo visited Bradford on Monday last

Thomas Hungerville visited Buffalo Monday last.

Gus Doyle was down from McKean's Monday

Robert L Edgett of Bradford was in town Monday

Miss Lizzie Walsh visited Bradford friends yesterday

S E Bell of Kane was visiting his family Wednesday

John J. McCarey of Turtle Point was in town Monday.

J L Stanton of Ormsby was a pleasant caller Tuesday

Miss Hannah A Walsh visited Bradford friends Tuesday

Alba J Gilfillan returned home from New York city Monday.

Lemuel Davis spent Sunday at Kane with his family at Kane

M J Gallup of Mt. Jewett was a visitor in town Monday night.

W H Olmsted visited Buffalo Wednesday on real estate business.

Leon A. Wolters returned to his studies in Baltimore last Saturday.

H M. Sanders of Farmers Valley was a pleasant visitor Monday

Dr Hicks of Kane paid his regular visit to Smethport Wednesday

R W Hilton of Mt Alton transacted business in town Monday

Mrs Jas McKean has been visiting Bradford friends for a few days.

Judge T A Morrison went to Erie Monday morning to hold court

Gilbert Moody of Coryville favored this office with a call Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Jonathan Colegrove visited Colegrove friends Wednesday

Wilson Seymour, the genial station agent of Ormsby, was in town Sunday

W V Provin of Crosby was a very agreeable caller at this office Monday

F A Gallup of Norwich was a most agreeable caller at this office Tuesday

Judge Loyal Ward of Bradford came over Wednesday to shake hands with Comrade Wright

C W. Catlin kindly remembered the MINER office while over from Port Allegany Tuesday

Miss Anna McNulty of Buffalo, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs J N. Apple, for several days

Claud Gillis of Kane, while on his way to Buffalo last Monday, was a most agreeable caller at this office.

Rudolf C Sasse and Miss Ida Ellingsfeld returned from Baltimore last Saturday night after a month's visit

A W Boyd of Custer City, candidate for county treasurer, was in town last Tuesday greeting old friends

Chas. Lunden of Mt Jewett was observed deciphering the bill of fare at the Wright House last Wednesday.

F. M. Adams of Duke Center and G. W. Baily of Rixford were most agreeable callers at this office Saturday last.

Mrs. Chas Bauethins, who has been visiting Mrs. Chas. Latham, returned to her home in Cincinnati last Tuesday.

W. I. Bartholomew and Frank Morrison, two prominent business men from Warren, were registered at the Wright House Wednesday

Miss Harriet Hamilton of Perry, N. Y., who has been visiting Mrs Kittredge for some time, returned to her home yesterday morning.

Major Gen'l James Doyle of Camp Halsey was in town Wednesday No change in parties nor the destinies of nations seems to affect his even and good tempered nature. He is always the same James Doyle, rain or shine

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Auditor's Notice.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MCKEAN COUNTY

H J Brennan, Cashier, vs. The Mt. Jewett Flint Glass Co.	No 44, Dec Term, 1897 E D No. 18, Dec Term, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the auditor appointed by the above Court, to make distribution of the fund paid into Court in above case, will meet all persons interested for the purpose of his appointment, on Monday, the 21st day of February 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m at his office in the borough of Smethport county of McKean Pennsylvania, when and where all persons having claim on said fund are requested to present the same or be forever debarred from coming in upon the said fund

T. F RICHMOND
Auditor

Smethport, Pa., Jan 20, 1898.

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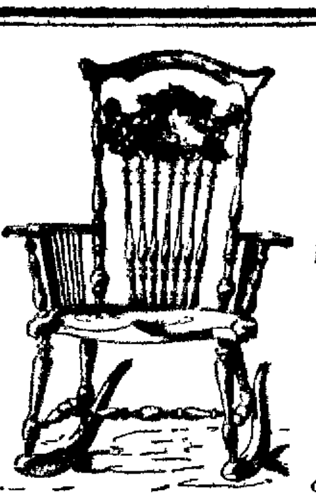

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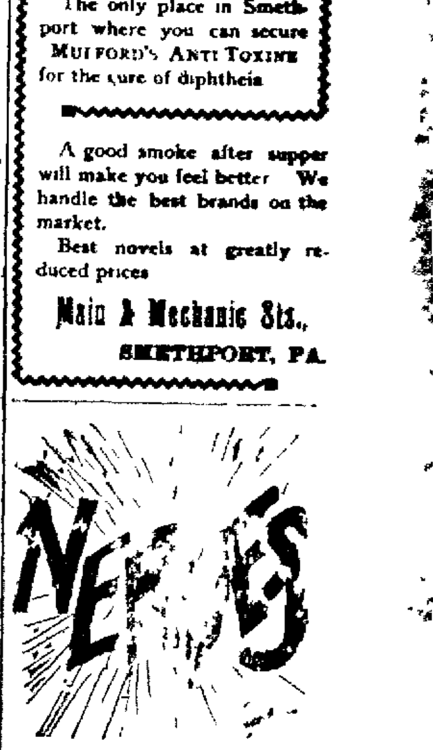

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And between little child
[illegible]
And feel your silken touch
A drooping angel's wing.
—Harper's Bazar.

LAW OF THE SEA.

BY CHARLES B. LEWIS.

All writers of sea stories devote chapters to what is called "the sentiment of the sea," and all readers of the same [illegible] as they read of [illegible]. This "sentiment" may have been observable 50 years ago, and now and then you read of a rescue [illegible] of heroes, but as a matter of fact shippers and sea captains are anything but sentimental in these days of money making. Of ten ships who sight a signal of distress at sea eight [illegible] past it if possible, and the other two will be more interested in the salvage question than in the saving of life. Shippers want their goods shipped as close as possible. Shipowners overload and underman their vessels and yet want them to make quick voyages. The captains must "crack on" to hold their berths, and so it comes about that aid is seldom extended when there is reasonable excuse for dodging it.

In the year 1880 the brig Walcotte left the port of Liverpool for the West Indies, having on board 180 men, women and children, who were going to settle on one of the islands. She had a crew of 12 men, a supercargo and two cabin passengers, thus bringing the total up to almost 200. Fine weather accompanied the craft until she had accomplished two-thirds of the voyage. Then a gale sprung up which dismasted her and sent her drifting back over her wake. The gale had scarcely abated when a fire broke out, and though it was extinguished after a hard fight a great quantity of provisions was consumed and much of the fresh water was wasted. Not a spar was left aboard for jury masts, and as the rudder had been carried away and there was four feet of water in the hold the people realized that the wreck could not be abandoned too soon.

Sometime [illegible] the ship Evening Star sighted the wreck. We were sailing under the Holland flag, commanded by a Holland captain and mate, and I believe the craft was of that nationality. She was bound from Demerara to New York loaded mostly with sugar, I believe, and had been detained in Demerara a couple of weeks to ship a crew. It so happened that an American man-of-war to which I belonged as an enlisted man put into that port for some slight repairs, and 12 of us deserted in a body to go aboard of the Star. We were all sailors. It does not excuse our action to say that the Hollander brought this desertion about by the promise of high wages. He wanted a crew and did not care how the men came to him. We had a close shave from being captured by our captain, but got to sea all right, and as the weather was good and the wind favorable the Hollander "cracked on" to make up for lost time. One morning just after sunrise we sighted the drifting brig square in our path and only two or three miles away. After a brief look at her through the glass the captain and mate fell to cursing at their ill luck. As a matter of fact we had neither water nor provisions to spare, and the ship was loaded down to the [illegible] with cargo, but when we heard our officers propose to pass the wreck without notice every man of the [illegible] was ready for mutiny.

We insisted that communication be opened with the unfortunate people, and after a good deal of growling the [illegible] down to them and sent a boat [illegible]. The report of the mate when he returned was to the effect that the people were on quarter allowance, with much sickness among the women and children, and that they desired to abandon the wreck and be taken aboard of the ship. We had quite spare aboard, and the Hollander offered to sell three or four [illegible] for about three times their value, the payment to be made in gold on delivery. The captain of the brig declined buying, as he was satisfied that the dismasted hulk could never be worked into port, even if fully provisioned. The Hollander then agreed to sell one cask of water and about 50 pounds of bread, but just as we were ready to transfer the goods a squall came up, and that gave him an excuse for sailing away. His firm intention was to abandon the wreck to her fate, and as soon as we realized it the ten of us went aft in a body and assured him that unless he hove up and furnished relief we should refuse duty and take the consequences. He blustered and threatened and brought out his pistols, but we were firm, and at length he gave orders to put the ship about.

We had to beat up to the wreck, and by the time we reached her there was half a gale blowing and the sea was so heavy that we could not transfer the [illegible]. At the end of an hour the Hollander was for making sail again, [illegible] refused to touch a rope. He and [illegible], both armed with belaying [illegible] to drive us aloft, but we [illegible] them and locked them in their [illegible]. Among us was a man who had made several voyages as mate and [illegible] to handle a ship, and he [illegible] as captain and given an [illegible] as mate. We had hoped to [illegible] provisions to the wreck before [illegible] the gale continued, and we [illegible] by her for 30 hours before [illegible] to launch a boat. We had [illegible] and taken possession of the [illegible] that circumstances justified [illegible]. [illegible] After a few hours [illegible] allowed full liberty, and not [illegible]. There were [illegible] as to the punishment we [illegible] when the ship arrived in port, but we stood firm and kept clear of any further quarrels.

When wind and sea finally subsided, we boarded the wreck, to find that one woman and four children had died in the last 24 hours and that the living were entirely out of food and water. There was no doctor aboard, the leak was hardly to be kept under, and it was [illegible] that another 24 hours would send the wreck to the bottom of the sea. It was therefore resolved to transfer everybody to the ship. Our captain and mate [illegible] when they heard of this decision, and the last named became so violent that we had to bind him hand and foot. The wreck had lost all her boats, but the ship had three, and [illegible] the work of transferring began [illegible] until every [illegible] had been brought safely off. [illegible] most of the personal baggage of crew and passengers, and by the time the last boatload was alongside the [illegible] and went to the [illegible].

[illegible] decided to make for the Bermudas, and on the third day after taking the people off the wreck we sighted the American ship Ocean Queen and secured from her several hundred gallons of water and a quantity of flour and biscuit. It was a run of seven days to the islands, and during the last four days no adult had food enough to keep down the pangs of hunger. The mate proved so obstinate and dangerous that his bonds were not released, but he shared the food and water with the rest and was treated as kindly as circumstances would permit.

None of us believed that we could be punished for taking the ship out of the captain's hands to save human life, and I am sure we should not have been meddled with but for the presence of a British man-of-war in port. We had informed the Hollander of our readiness to work the ship to her port of destination, and he seemed to think favorably of the matter, but no sooner did he learn of the presence of the man-of-war than he appealed to her commander. As a result the ten of us were at once arrested and flung into prison to await the action of the law. I never found out just where they intended to send us for trial, but presume it was Holland. For some reason or other there was a long delay, and at length matters were complicated by our being claimed as deserters from an American man-of-war. The people whom we had saved were grateful enough, God knows, but all others looked upon us as a lot of pirates who ought to have been hung as soon as captured.

When we had been in jail for five months, we got word from an American who was pretty thoroughly posted on the case that we should soon be sent away for trial and that we might expect at least five years' imprisonment apiece. This news decided us to make an attempt to break jail, and one night, a week later, using tools which a guard had been bribed to pass in to us, we sawed away the bars of a window and gained our liberty. Proceeding to the harbor, we found an American schooner ready to sail and awaiting our coming, and before our escape was discovered we were miles at sea. Five of us surrendered to the naval authorities and took our punishment and served out the remainder of our enlistment, but what became of the others I do not know. But for our action 200 people would have been left to go down with a wreck on which they had drifted and suffered for days and weeks, and yet that action was rank mutiny, and had the ship been English instead of Dutch our two leaders would probably have been hung and the rest of us got long terms in prison.

The Disfiguring "Make Up."

So long as we indulge in the barbarism of footlights some strengthening of the points of the face may be needful. It is indeed an excellent thing when deftly done and the material causes of the effect entirely hidden, as they should be. The clarity of a whiter tint to the general tone of the skin, the illumination of eye and teeth by emphasizing the brow and lashes and lips, the heightening of the color—all these things can be so done as to disguise the means by which they are done. What is the method actually pursued? White is laid all over face and shoulders in thick washes, like a Pierrot's mask, masses of black pomade load the eyebrows and eyelashes, great gobs of red are put upon the ear lobes and on and around the lips like a snapdragon, deep pink in and below the nostrils and on the eyelids and masses of black or purple beneath the eyes, projecting to the temples in arrowheads.

All these things are perfectly visible to a large part of the audience and are disfiguring even at a distance. With an opera glass they are shocking. The objects which are obtained are the goggling of the eyes, which can be thrown about with the intensity of a darky's, and the display of the ivories, which produce a similar effect to his. For passion to show itself in such plastered faces, for waves of emotion to spread over them and for any refinement of feeling to communicate itself to the audience are as impossible as it would be to expect those things from the painted canvas. They cannot cry, of course, nor touch, nor be touched, without disaster. Ellen Terry played a disfiguring scene here one night, with the water streaming from an eye into which her loaded eyelashes had discharged themselves.—Time and the Hour.

Mountain Observatories.

There are many objections to mountain stations. The cost of building is very large. M. Vallot's observatory on the flanks of Mont Blanc (14,321 feet) cost $74 per cubic meter. The cost of M. Janssen's small observatory building on the summit (15,781 feet) is said to have been $60,000. Again, such establishments are very expensive to maintain. Transportation to the summit of Mont Blanc costs about 52 cents per pound, for example. There are difficulties in arranging for an adequate food and water supply, though melted snow is always available on the higher peaks. In the United States, owing to our deplorable policy in the matter of forest conservation, bush fires, which fill the air with haze, are very troublesome. On the highest peaks snow blindness is a constant danger. Mountain sickness (giddiness, nausea, great discomfort and disorder) is almost always felt.

The experiments of Mr. Whymper and others in the high Andes and elsewhere show that long residence at high levels may enable one to resist acute attacks of mountain sickness, but no amount of habitude, apparently, can counteract the "diminished living" which results from an insufficient supply of air for breathing. Observers at extreme altitudes must always be subjected to great discomfort, and their abilities must be correspondingly decreased. De Saussure, in his expedition to Mont Blanc, remarks that he required 4½ hours on the mountain to perform experiments which took less than three hours in the valley. Here we have something like a numerical measure of the falling off in ability due to great altitude.—Overland Monthly.

A Pertinent Question.

Old Aunt Dinah was a colored woman with a remarkably strong voice who would sing and cry "glory" with such vigor as to be heard above all the rest of the congregation, but she was of an unpleasantly "saving" disposition. It was the custom at the missionary meetings which she attended to take up the collection during the singing of the hymn "Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel," in the midst of which Aunt Dinah always threw back her head, closed her eyes and sang away at the top of her lungs until the plate had been passed. The collector, who was an old man of plain speech, observed this habit, and one evening when he came to her seat he surveyed her rapt countenance and then said bluntly, "Look a-heah, Aunt Dinah, what's de good ob yo' a-singin an a-singin 'Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel,' ef yo' doan' gib nuffin to make her fly?"—Exchange.

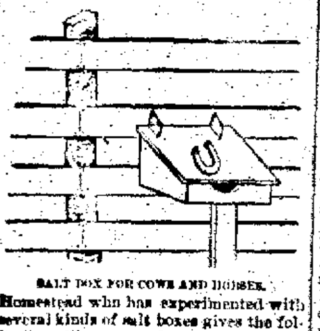
Woman and the Franchise.

The assertion that when a majority of women ask for equal political rights they will be granted is a confession that there is no conclusive reason against their sharing them. And if this be so, how can their admission rightfully depend upon the majority? Why should the women who does not care to vote prevent the voting of her neighbor who does? Why should 999 girls, who are content to be dolls and do what [illegible], directly impede [illegible] of a single one who wishes to be a woman and do what her conscience [illegible] [illegible]

FARM CONVENIENCES.

Can Be Made in Stormy Weather and Are Useful at All Seasons.

Farmers and stockmen agree that stock ought to have either a quantity of salt mingled in their food or else fed to them direct. A writer in The Iowa

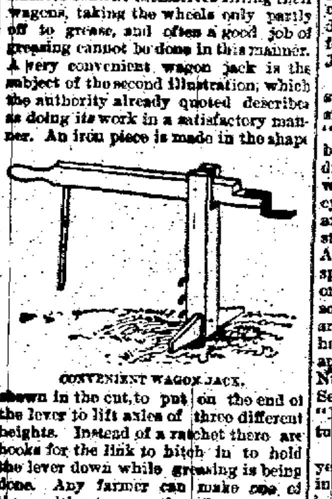


SALT BOX FOR COWS AND HORSES.

Homestead who has experimented with several kinds of salt boxes gives the following illustrated description of one that is especially designed for horses and cows. The illustration here reproduced requires but little explanation.

It may be placed up against the fence or on the side of the barn or shed. It is filled with salt, and an opening placed in the front as will be seen from the sketch. The lid is hung on hinges and is kept weighed down by an old horseshoe, which is for luck. The stock soon learn to lift up the lid and help themselves, and as soon as they are done it will return to position again to exclude rain. This is a much better plan than to salt stock at stated periods, or, what is worse, unstated periods, or not at all.

Another useful article seldom found on the farm is a wagon jack. Many farmers content themselves lifting their wagons, taking the wheels only partly off to grease, and often a good job of greasing cannot be done in this manner. A very convenient wagon jack is the subject of the second illustration, which the authority already quoted describes as doing its work in a satisfactory manner. An iron piece is made in the shape shown in the cut, to put on the end of the lever to lift axles of three different heights. Instead of a ratchet there are hooks for the link to hitch in to hold the lever down while greasing is being done. Any farmer can make one of these without any outlay of money.



CONVENIENT WAGON JACK.

Protecting Late Sown Grain.

"We doubt whether it is practically possible to protect late sown grain by any covering whatever in the climate of western New York," says American Cultivator. "If you have manure, however, that you can spare to top dress the wheat after the ground has been frozen, that is another matter. The manure, unless in greater amounts than we should advise for wheat, will amount to very little as protection. What effect it will have is as manure after the growing season begins, and especially to make a vigorous clover growth for the young clover. Five or six loads per acre thinly spread will be sufficient for this, and that of course means that much of the surface will have only a very small amount of manure on each of the 43,560 square feet surface that an acre contains.

"The notion that grain straw scattered over the fields will be of any benefit whatever is an absurdity. The straw cannot prevent the soil beneath it from freezing. But in spring it acts as a mulch just at the time when the young grain needs all the sunlight it can get to warm the soil. So the mulch in spring will do as much harm if not more than it gave of benefit during the winter. In most cases, however, fall mulching with straw results in the straw being piled next the fences by winds blowing across the fields. In such case it does no good at any time and is simply a waste of the straw."

New Way of Securing Ice.

Most people have well water near the house and can easily have ice made in the following manner, according to a correspondent in American Agriculturist: On a very cold day pump up some water and let it stand until it commences to freeze, then take a pailful and wet the bottom and sides of icehouse thoroughly. A coating of ice will soon form. By repeating this a few times a water tight tank will be formed, into which water may be poured, and it will freeze solid in a short while. At night several barrels of water can be poured in and will be found one solid block in the morning. It will be quite a surprise to see what a large quantity of ice can be made in this way by a person on a very cold day.

Rotary Spade Plow.

The exchanges are noting the test of a rotary spade plow, the invention of a Massachusetts man. According to report the plow is ridden like a mowing machine, the spades are attached to two very wide wheels and the depth to be plowed is regulated by the weight, which can be increased when necessary. A quarter acre, all manured, was plowed in less than three-quarters of an hour. It is claimed that this plow will turn three acres a day and no harrowing is necessary.

The Birth of the "Greater" New York.

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ACHIEVED BY INGENIOUS MEN

Peter Rannus Tells Some Very Flimsy Stories About John Muller. The Ever Growing Squad of Cherry Stone Workers. A Wonderful Knife.

Perhaps the most prevalent [illegible] gifted with mechanical ingenuity takes the shape of accomplishing great [illegible] attempting to accomplish in miniature the mightiest feats of engineering that human hands have ever set up. The construction in miniature regards the [illegible] bridge, for example, not as a [illegible] masterpiece, but as a model to be followed and copied in all the materials supplied by a threepenny bit, and the 985 feet of Eiffel tower neither [illegible] breast with awe nor horror, but is regarded as a choice subject to be constructed in miniature out of beans, pen and the shell of a walnut.

Of the mediæval mechanicians John Muller, better known in the trade as Regiomontanus, which one must admit sounds well for one of his craft, who lived in the fifteenth century, was without doubt the Maskelyne and Cook of the period, or at all events he had as a biographer a writer of greater imagination than the other less fortunate genii of that era. Peter Rannus, the writer in question, not only credits John Muller with fashioning a wooden eagle, which on the occasion of the Emperor Maximilian visiting Nuremberg flew out to meet him, saluted him in due form—however that may have been—and then turned round and accompanied the procession to the city gates, but further asserts that the same individual turned out an iron fly

Which, having flown a perfect roundabout,
With weary wings returned unto her master.

We are inclined to think, all things considered, that Peter Rannus had the makings of a very fine creator of exciting fiction in him and that it was a sad pity he allowed his gifts to be wasted in compiling a biography of a 100 years' deceased automata artificer in place of forestalling the friend of our youth, M. Jules Verne.

The cherry stone has been a favorite subject for the worker in miniature since Hadrianus Junius saw at Mechlin "a cherry stone cut into the form of a basket, in which were 14 pairs of dice distinct, the spots and numbers of which were easily to be discerned with a good eye." A museum in Massachusetts has among its other possessions a cherry stone containing a dozen silver spoons. As the stone is of the ordinary size the spoons are so small that their shape can only be admired by the aid of a microscope. Other remarkable cherry stones are the ones carved all over with 124 heads, mostly of popes and potentates, and the one fashioned by a topmaker at Nuremberg, which contains a plan of Sevastopol, a railway station and the "Messiah" of Klopstock, is indeed multum in parvo.

A tiny vessel has been made of late years by an Italian jeweler who came into possession of a pearl that nature had caused to take upon itself the shape and contour of a boat. A sail of beaten gold studded with diamonds, a binnacle light of ruby and emerald, and a rudder of ivory complete the structure, which weighs less than an ounce all told. We recently saw it stated that the smallest steam engine in the world is one of an upright pattern, made of silver and gold and resting on a 25 cent gold piece. The diameter of the cylinder is one forty-eighth part of an inch; stroke, one thirty-second of an inch; weight, one eighth of a grain; bore of cylinder, .3125 of a square inch. The engine can be worked either by steam or compressed air, and—oh, shade of Peter Rannus—the balance wheel of one third of an inch diameter is said to make 1,700 revolutions per minute.

In 1816 a knife was made at Messrs. Travis & Son's, Manchester, containing three blades, buttonhook, saw, punch, screwdriver, fox, corkscrew, hook and gimlet, two phlemons, a species of lancet, picker and two more lancets with a ring at the head. The knife, we learn, was only eleven-sixteenths of an inch long and weighed 1 pennyweight 14 grains. At this end of the century Sheffield can boast of a dozen pairs of shears, each so minute that they altogether weigh less than half a grain, if report speaks true.

Of examples of microscope writing there is no end, but one of the most famous is mentioned by Pliny, who said that Cicero had once seen Homer's "Iliad" in a nutshell. In order to prove the truth of this a French writer named Huet experimented in the presence of the dauphin, whose tutor he was in 1670. He first showed that a piece of sheepskin 10 by 8 inches can be folded up to fit the shell of a walnut, and then proceeded to prove that he could get 250 stanzas of 30 verses to a stanza on each side of the paper, or 7,500 verses on each side. Of the paintings in miniature Carel van Mander, the sixteenth century painter and historian, quotes the landscape painted by Lucas van Heere's wife. This work of art represented a mill with sails bent, the miller appearing as if mounting the stairs loaded with a sack. A cart and horse were seen upon the terrace upon which the mill was fixed, and on the road several peasants were discerned. The whole was perfectly distinct and accurately finished, and yet so minute that it could be covered with one grain of corn. Surely that most microscopic artist, M. Jan van Eecrs, must be descended from the fair painter of that extraordinary work of art.—London Standard.

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From the few facts that I have ventured to put together we may deduce, I think, the following conclusions, which, I trust, may be found of some interest by those who desire to have a general view of the expectation of life, its real duration and the possible causes of its length and brevity.

First.—That, according to the best authorities of the last century, the extreme limit of life might be 125 years under extraordinary and almost abnormal circumstances.

Second.—That the anticipation of life is roughly five times the time that the organs of the body—not counting the brain, which develops later—require to attain their full and absolute maturity. This, of course, varies not only in races, but in individuals, some developing early and some much later, even in the same climate and in the same family.

Third.—That rarely, if ever, is that full duration achieved, owing to diseases, food, heredity, bad habits, wear and tear and many other causes which shorten life.

Fourth.—The slower the development the longer may be the duration of life.

Fifth.—That all human beings are not born with the capacity for long life even under the most favorable circumstances. As the organism of the human being is more complex than that of the lower animals, so his anticipation of life is far more variable.

Sixth.—That those circumstances which conduce to longevity are undoubtedly late development, frugal habits, moderation, exemption from vicissitudes of climate and extreme of heat or cold, from mental worry and agitation, temperature in eating and drinking, with a fair amount of brain work when the brain is ready to undertake it.

We have all heard the well worn axiom attributed to the Psalmist that the "days of man are threescore and ten," but in Genesis vi, 3, will be found the following passage, "Yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." This passage seems to have been overlooked, as I have rarely seen it quoted, although curiously enough it exactly corresponds to the theory that man should attain five times the period of reaching his maturity.—Nineteenth Century.

The Awful Small Boy.

Mrs. Cakebread was entertaining some ladies at a select little 5 o'clock tea, and Bobby, who had been exceptionally well behaved, was in high feather.

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8:25 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for [illegible] and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:00 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:35 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.
6:20 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

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Train 9 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium June. 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3 leaves New York 7:40 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:35 a. m., with Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only. Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:20 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Kane.

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Weekdays.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
8 55	Ridgway	11 50
9 10	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
9 20	Bendigo	[illegible]
9 26	Glen Hazel	11 15
9 30	Straight	11 14
9 41	Instanter	[illegible]
9 46	Smith's Run	10 56
9 53	Wooddale	10 44
10 00	Clermont	10 40
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:25 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:45 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 2:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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1 a.m.	3 p.m.	5 p.m.	STATIONS. Ar. Dp.	2 a.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
8:35	2:20	7:30	Keating	9:10	2:30	7:10
8:33	2:05	7:16	Cowley Junc.	9:25	2:52	[illegible]
8:25	1:50	7:00	Austin	9:40	3:05	8:20
......	1:31	6:58	Costello	9:45	3:13	......
......	1:26	6:48	Wharton	10:00	3:32	......
......	1:17	6:38	Logue	10:20	3:44	......
......	1:01	6:27	Hull	10:22	3:47	......
......	12:45	6:08	Cross Fork Jc	10:35	4:40	......
......	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:23	4:49	......
......	12:00	5:20	Galeton	11:30	5:20	......
......	10:45	4:23	[illegible]	12:20	6:10	......
......	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	3:45	6:35	......
	a.m.	p.m. Dp.	Ar.	p.m.	p.m.	

[illegible]

B. Hutchinson, Train Master.
A. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taken effect Monday Nov. 4, 1895.

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	STATIONS.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8.50	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	2.36	10.45
8.45	7.27	2.00	Crowell's	7.51	2.40	10.47
8.30	[illegible]	1.56	Carpenter's	[illegible]	2.42	10.50
8.25	7.16	1.51	Perkins	7.51	2.46	10.53
8.20	7.13	1.50	B. & S. Junc'n	7.57	2.50	10.55
......	7.10	1.45	Newfield	8.00	2.54	10.55
8.04	7.06	1.42	Gold	8.03	2.56	10.12
7.5	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	2.60	10.47
7.15	6.55	1.21	Seven Bridg's	8.19	3.11	11.03
7.10	6.48	1.26	Colesburg	8.21	3.15	11.10
7.00	6.40	1.17	Frink's	8.28	3.21	11.17
	6.30	1.01			[illegible]	
4.15	7.57	12.55	Coudersport	8.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.40	[illegible]	12.51	Hammond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.30	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.21	7.48	12.41	Mina	8.55	6.16	[illegible]
2.25	[illegible]	12.36	Knowlton	[illegible]	6.18	[illegible]
3.17	7.35	12.29	Roulette	9.05	6.22	[illegible]
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	9.08	6.26	[illegible]
3.05	[illegible]	12.17	Coleman	[illegible]	6.36	[illegible]
3.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	9.14	6.40	[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Dep't. — Arrive	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect Nov. 28th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:50 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

3:05 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train 14 for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4:30 p. m. and 6:16 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m. Monday, August 17, 1896.

South			Stations		North	
1:15	......		Clermont		12:30	......
1:20	......		Clermont Tank		12:12	......
1:46	......		Wildwood		11:57	......
1:58	......		North Fork		11:45	......
2:10	......		Kay Fork		11:32	......
2:12	......		Gray Gables		11:30	......
2:30	......	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	11:16	......
2:35	7:30	Lv		Ar	10:54	6:15
2:38	7:43		Kaul		10:50	6:12
2:45	7:50		Dehern		10:42	6:00
2:50	7:55		Groll		10:37	5:55
2:57	8:03		Glen		10:29	5:46
3:02	8:07		Paine		10:25	5:40
3:06	8:11		Centreville		10:20	5:40
3:10	8:15		Dague Crossing		10:16	5:37
3:16	8:21		Skelley Summit		10:07	5:30
3:20	8:29		Coneo		9:58	5:14
3:27	8:33		Thompson		9:54	5:10
3:31	8:37		Curry		9:46	5:07
3:37	8:40		Brandy Camp		9:40	5:00
3:46	8:47		Ellen		9:34	5:00
4:45	9:00		Hyde		9:20	4:44
4:36	9:04		Shawmut		9:12	4:38
p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties. I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size in duplicate any bridge, do stone work and complete entire structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

A. KELLY, Contractor,
Smethport, Pa.